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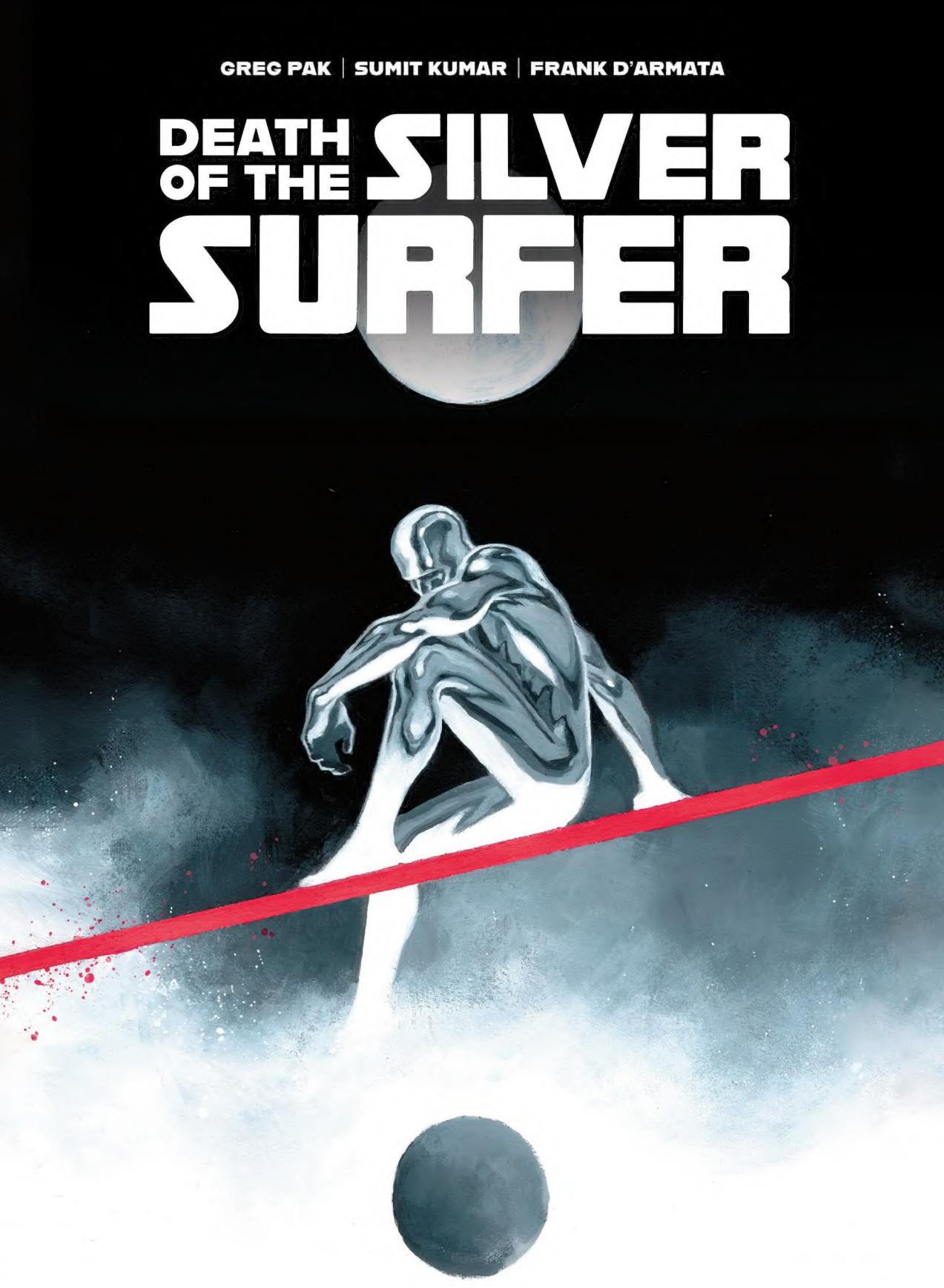

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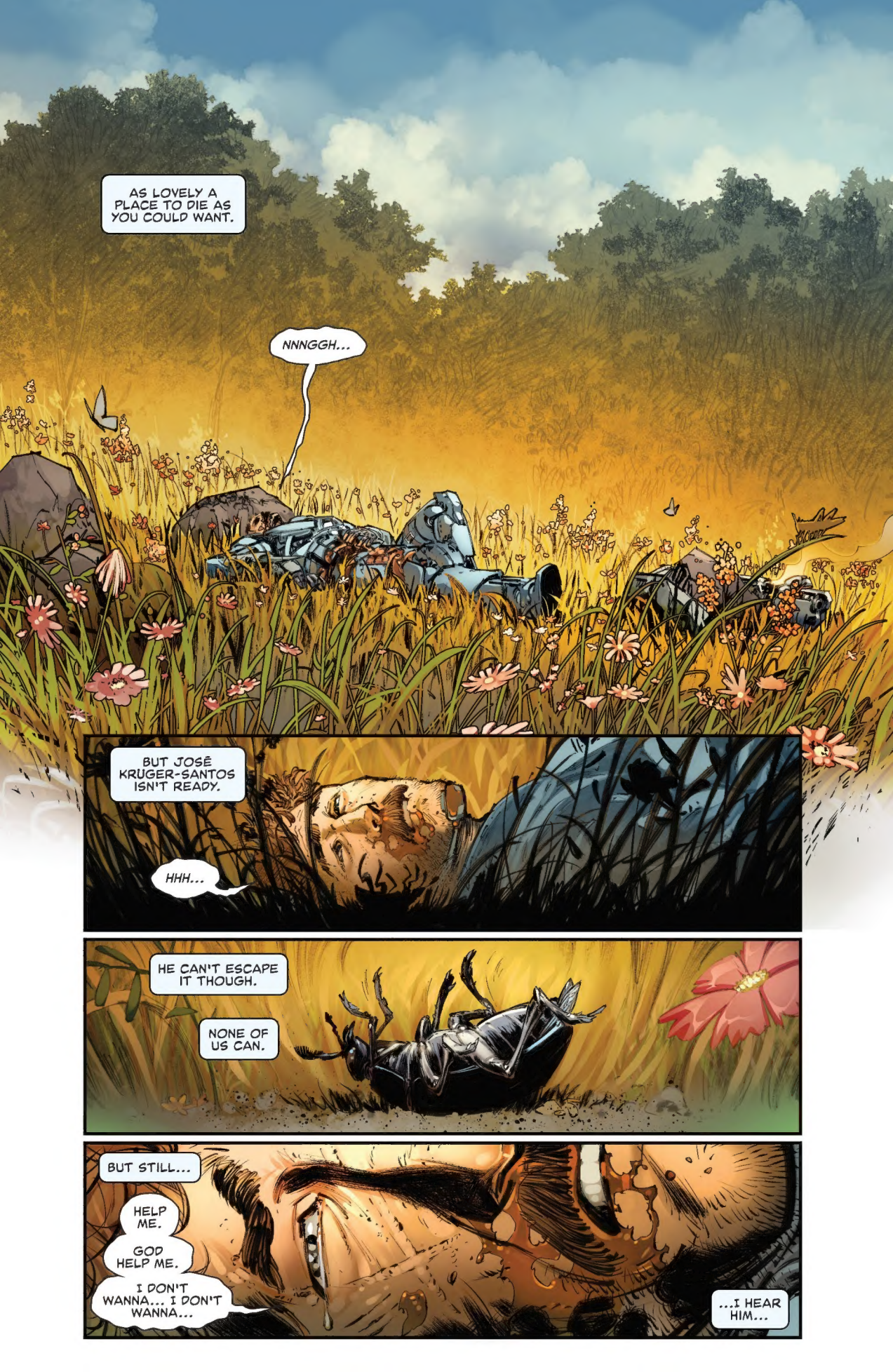
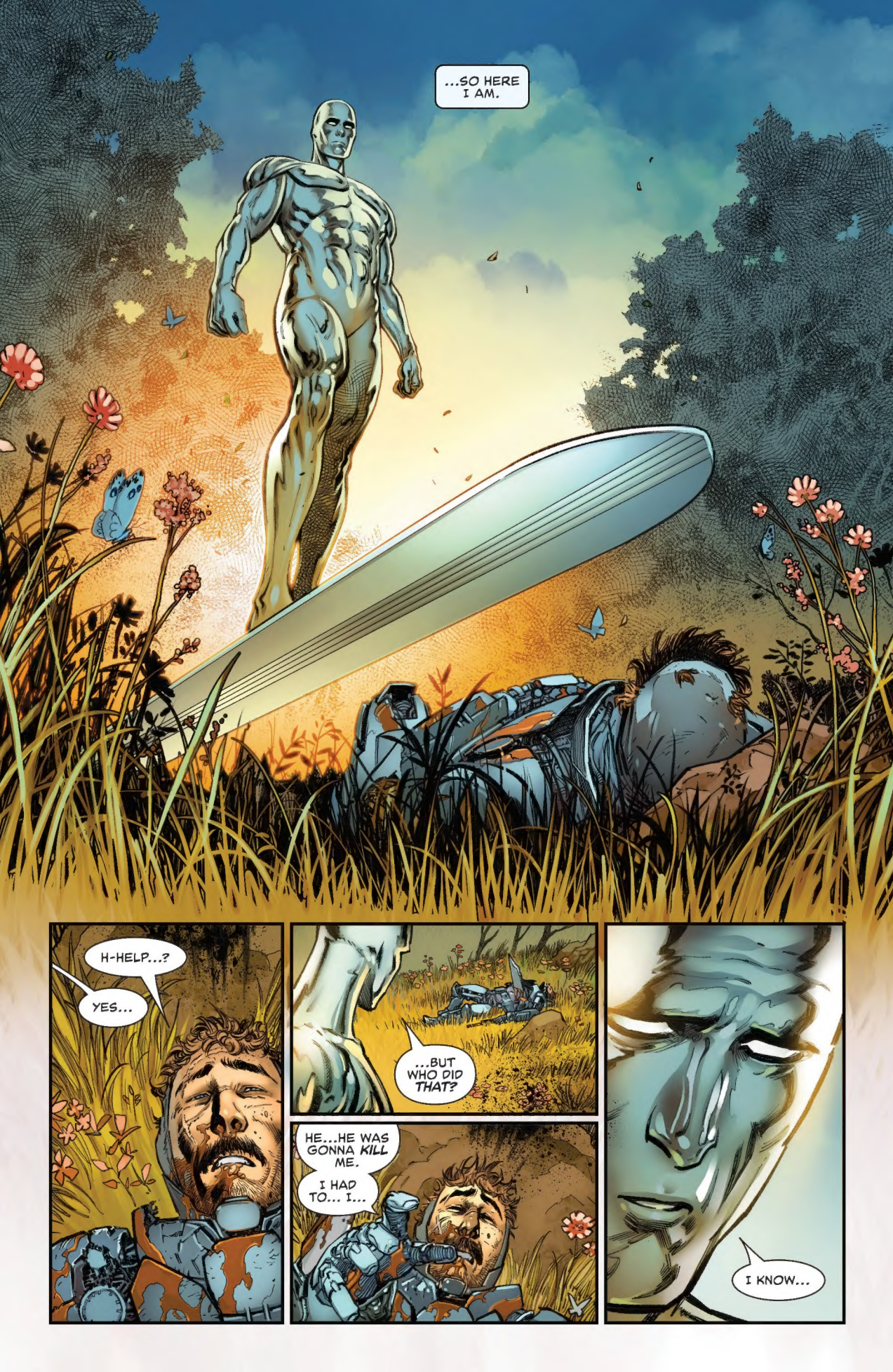
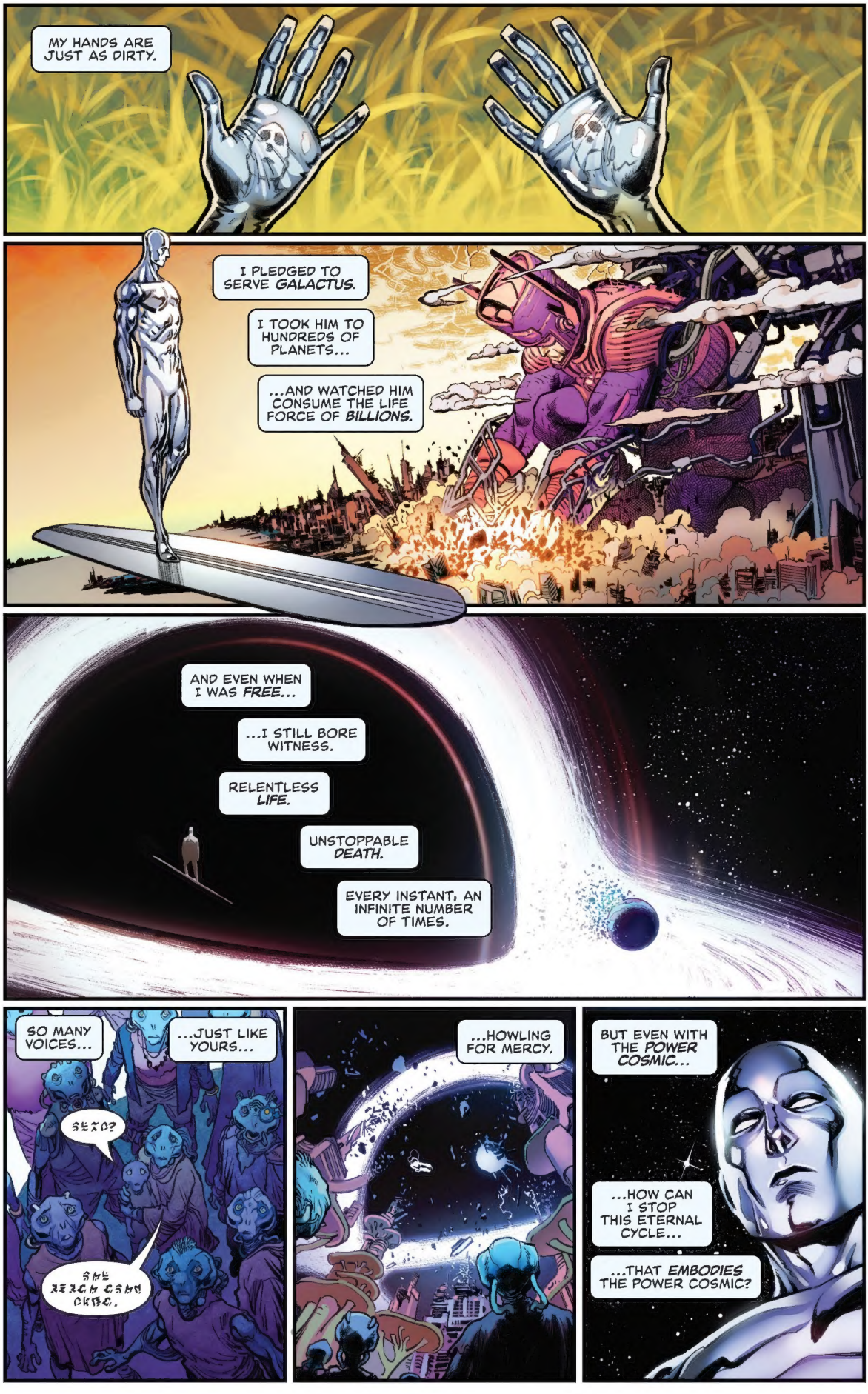
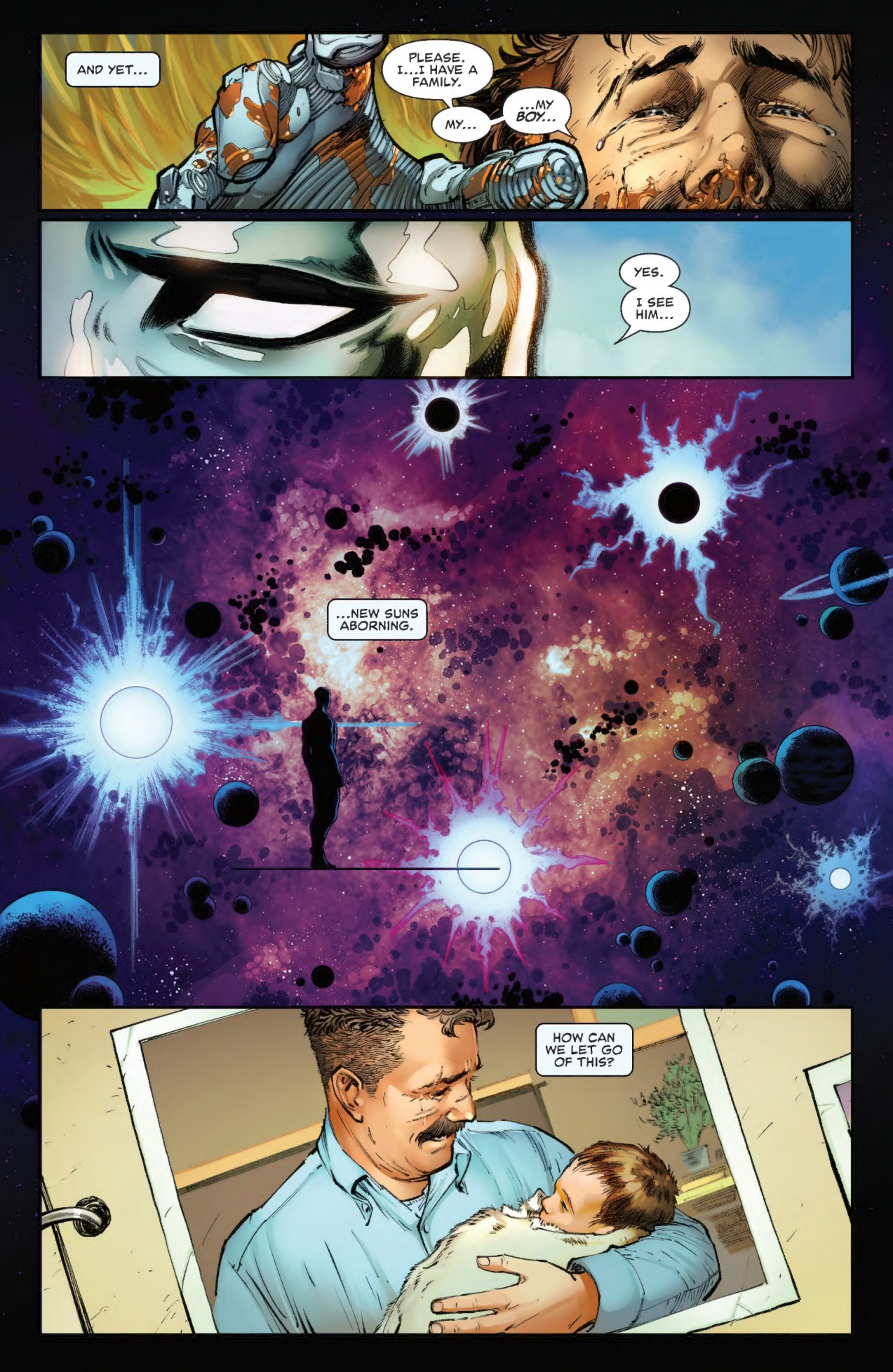
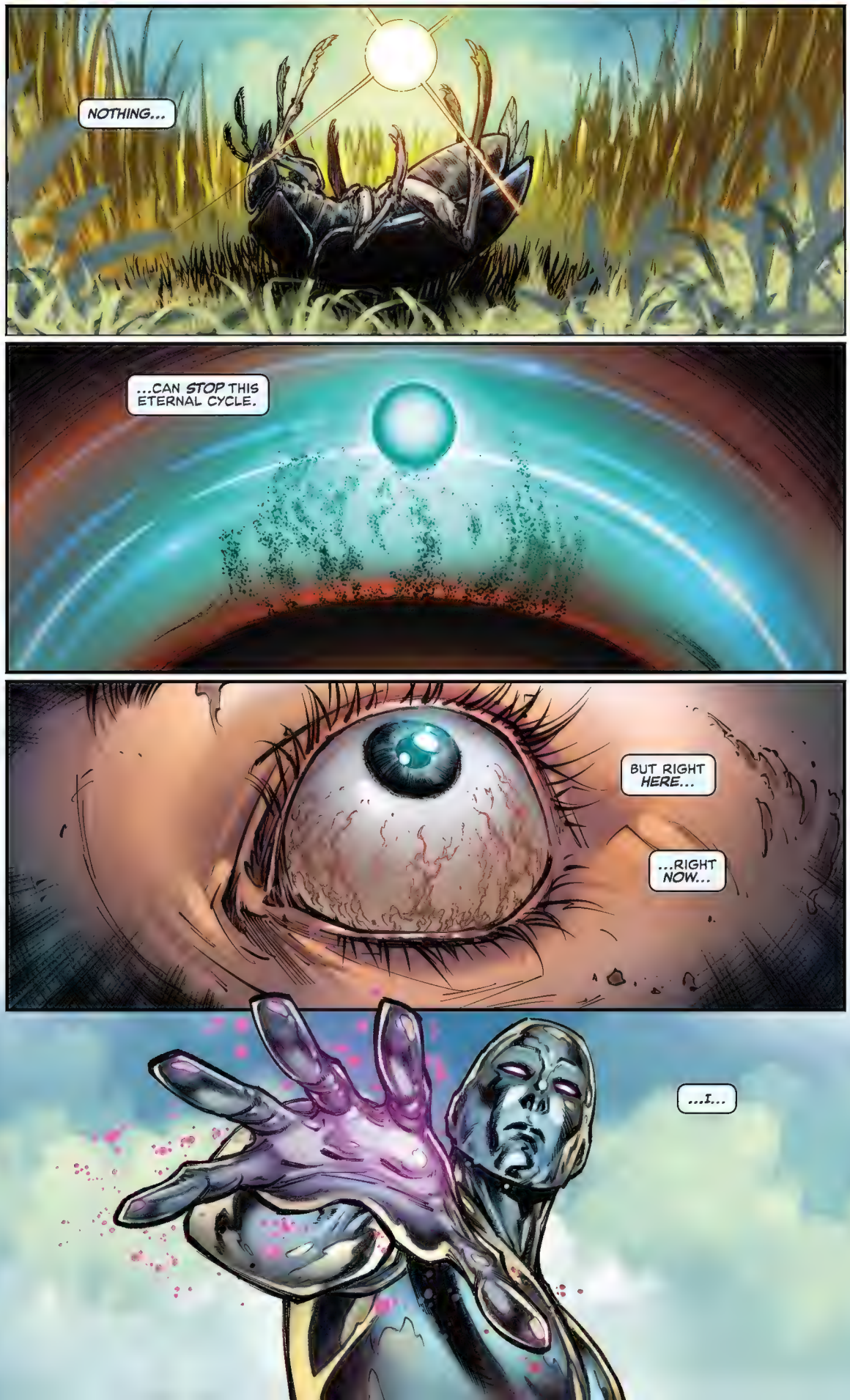

AS LOVELY A PLACE TO DIE AS YOU COULD WANT.
NNNGGH...
BUT JOSÉ KRUGER-SANTOS ISN'T READY.
HHH...
HE CAN'T ESCAPE IT THOUGH.
NONE OF US CAN.
BUT STILL...
HELP ME.
GOD HELP ME.
I DON'T WANNA... I DON'T WANNA...
...I HEAR HIM...


...SO HERE I AM.
H-HELP...?
YES...
...BUT WHO DID THAT?
HE...HE WAS GONNA KILL ME.
I HAD TO... I...
I KNOW...


MY HANDS ARE JUST AS DIRTY.
I PLEDGED TO SERVE GALACTUS.
I TOOK HIM TO HUNDREDS OF PLANETS...
...AND WATCHED HIM CONSUME THE LIFE FORCE OF BILLIONS.
AND EVEN WHEN I WAS FREE...
...I STILL BORE WITNESS.
RELENTLESS LIFE.
UNSTOPPABLE DEATH.
EVERY INSTANT, AN INFINITE NUMBER OF TIMES.
SO MANY VOICES...
...JUST LIKE YOURS...
...HOWLING FOR MERCY.
BUT EVEN WITH THE POWER COSMIC...
...HOW CAN I STOP THIS ETERNAL CYCLE...
...THAT EMBODIES THE POWER COSMIC?


AND YET...
PLEASE. I...I HAVE A FAMILY.
MY...
...MY BOY...
YES.
I SEE HIM...
...NEW SUNS ABORNING.
HOW CAN WE LET GO OF THIS?


NOTHING...
...CAN STOP THIS ETERNAL CYCLE.
BUT RIGHT HERE...
...RIGHT NOW...
...I...

...I AM WITH YOU.
AAAAAAH!

TIK TIK!
AH!
YOU...
...YOU!
YES. AND YOU TOO, JOSÉ KRUGER-SANTOS.
THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE THE CHANCE...
...YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT YOU CAN.
BRRRAKOOOM

DAY 234 OF THE THIRD SANTO MARCAN CIVIL WAR.

SKRAAKOOOOOM

SKRAAKOOOOOM

FRAKOOOOOM

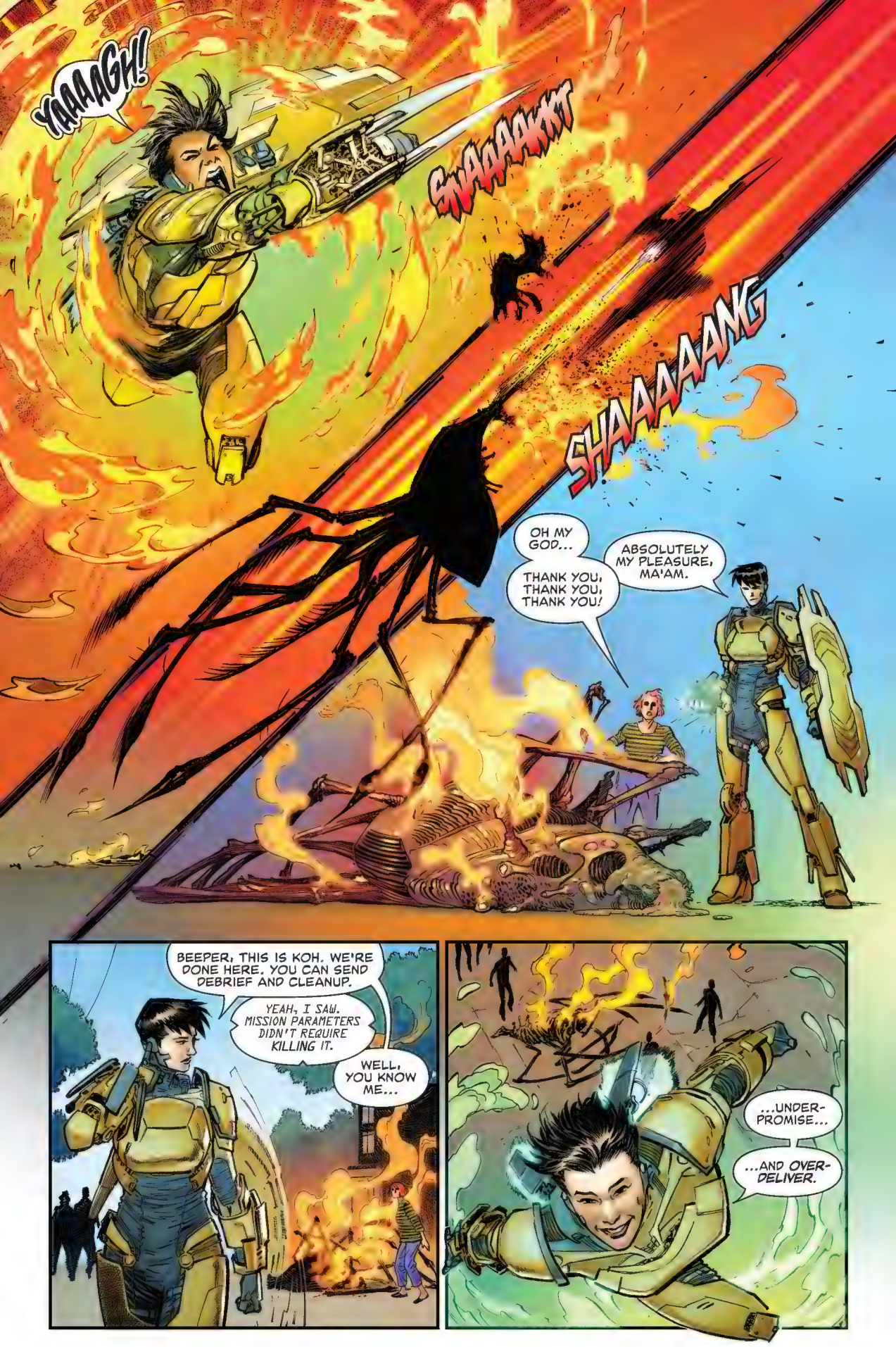
DAY ONE OF THE CEASEFIRE.

OKAY, KELLY, FOUR LETTERS MEANING CHARISMA STARTING WITH "R."
MA. NO.
IT'S "RIZZ." DID YOU KNOW THAT?
DON'T SAY "RIZZ," MA.
ARE YOU...GOING TO HAVE A MENTY B?
OH MY GOD-- NO. WHERE DID YOU EVEN--?
I READ AN ARTICLE. IT'S KIND OF A JOKEY TERM, RIGHT, BUT ALSO SERIOUS? A WAY TO START TALKING ABOUT STRESS AND MENTAL HEALTH AND--
AAAAAAGH--OKAY, MA, I'M GONNA BE LATE.
YOU'RE NEVER LATE. YOU'VE NEVER BEEN LATE FOR ANYTHING. YOU WERE EVEN BORN A WEEK EARLY.
I KNOW.
BUT YOU COULD BE LATE.
THEN PEOPLE WOULD DIE.
UFF! SO DRAMATIC!
BE SAFE.
NEVER!
BE GOOD!
NOT GOOD, MA...
...THE BEST!

BUREAU OF ALIEN NEUTRALIZATION SUBSATELLITE HEADQUARTERS.
GOOD MORNING, MAJOR KOH!
RIGHT BACK ATCHA, BEEPER. WHAT'S ON TAP?
STAGE THREE POP AND DROP.
WANNA WAIT FOR BACKUP?
HELL NO!
HA!
DIDN'T THINK SO, SO I DIDN'T CALL ANY!
HAVE FUN!
YOU KNOW I--
KWOOOOD
FWOOOOD
--ALWAYS DO!
MIDVALE, IOWA.
RRROOOOOOAAAAARRR

KAARREEEEE?!
AAAAAAAGH!
FWWOOSH
AAAAGH!
MOM! COME ON!
OH MY GOD, OH MY GOD, OH MY GOD--
KAAARRR?
PLEASE, NO--

SKRRAAKOOOOOM
AAAAAAAGH!
KRRAAAAAA!
SKRRROOOOOSSH
DON'T WORRY.
I GOT YOU.
KRRAAAAA!
FFFFSSSSTTTT
FWOOOOOOSSSH
KRRAAAAAAAAAA!
AAAGH!
NOOOO!


YAAAAGH!
SWAAAAKK
SHAAAAANG
OH MY GOD...
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
ABSOLUTELY MY PLEASURE, MA'AM.
BEEPER, THIS IS KOH. WE'RE DONE HERE. YOU CAN SEND DEBRIEF AND CLEANUP.
YEAH, I SAW. MISSION PARAMETERS DIDN'T REQUIRE KILLING IT.
WELL, YOU KNOW ME...
...UNDER-PROMISE...
...AND OVER-DELIVER.

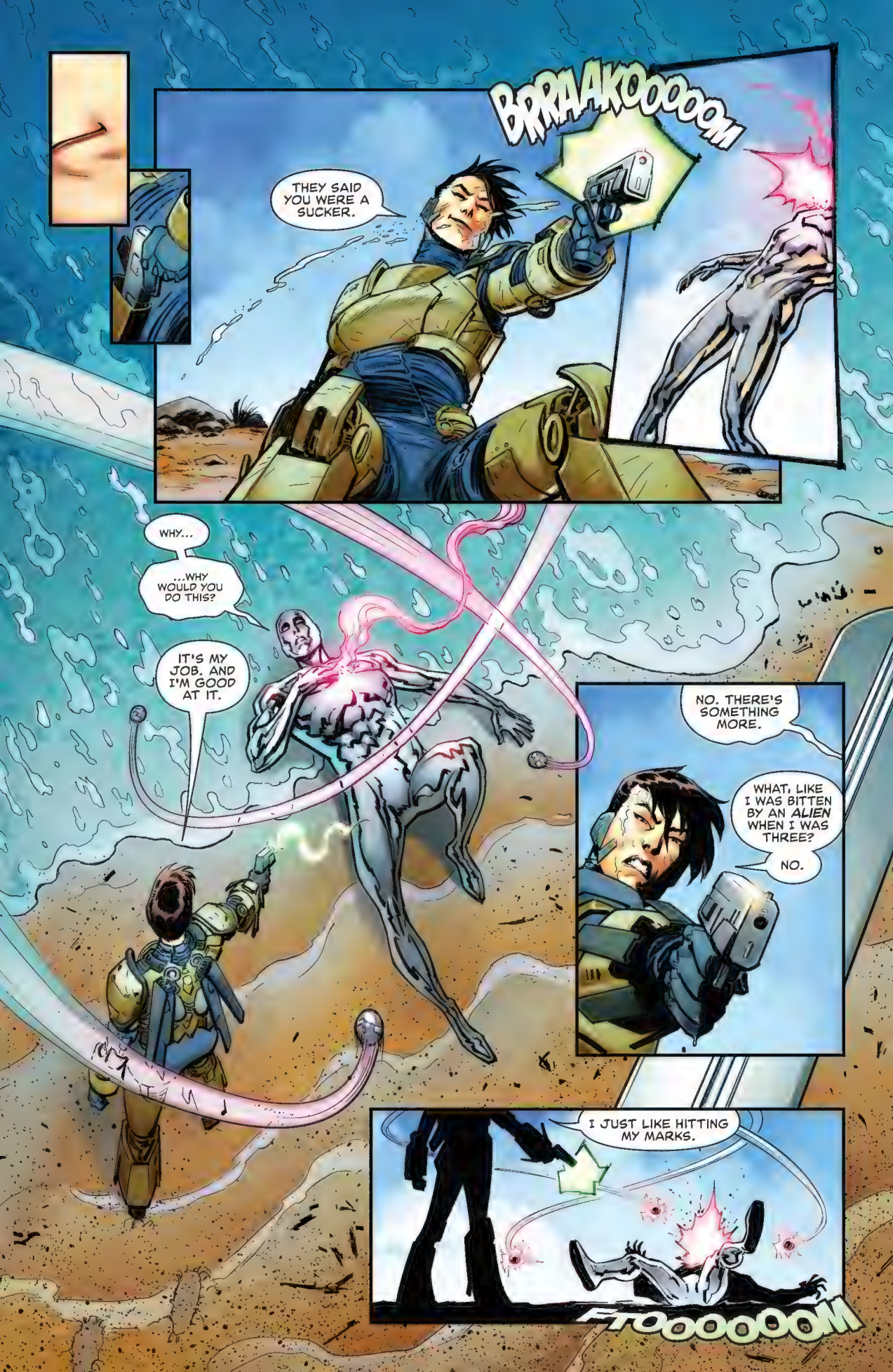
WHAT THE HECK WAS THE SURFER DOING HERE, REED?
AT FIRST BLUSH, I'D SAY...
...THE RIGHT THING?
THE RIGHT THING?
HE DESTROYED THE ARMED FORCES OF A UNITED STATES ALLY!
YES...
...TO END A WAR THAT EVERYONE SAID THEY WANTED TO END.
AND HE DID IT WITHOUT KILLING ANYONE, AS FAR AS I CAN TELL.
HE JUST DISMANTLED EVERY OFFENSIVE WEAPON ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
IF...THAT'S THE RIGHT THING, WHY DIDN'T...WE DO IT?
BECAUSE IF WE'D DONE ANYTHING, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED AS AN AMERICAN INTERVENTION.
AND INTERESTS, BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN, WOULD HAVE EXPLOITED THAT IMPRESSION FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.
IN FACT, WE'D BETTER MAKE OURSELVES SCARCE BEFORE OUR MERE PRESENCE AFTER THE FACT GIVES THEM AMMO.
OKAY. BIG WIN ALL 'ROUND, THEN.
WHY THE SAD FACE?
WELL, JOHNNY...

"...I'M AFRAID ONE PERSON MIGHT SUFFER SOME CONSEQUENCES."
EAGLESTAR SKYDREAM PLATFORM 33.
I ASSUME YOU KNOW THE SILVER SURFER?
I MEAN, NOT PERSONALLY, DIRECTOR HARMON...
...BUT OF COURSE, HE'S ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ENTITIES EVER TO VISIT THE PLANET.
IT.
IT'S ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ENTITIES ET CETERA, ET CETERA.
IT'S AN ALIEN. LET'S NOT HUMANIZE IT.
RIIIGHT.
HA-HA.
OKAY. THE GREAT KELLY KOH. TOP OF YOUR S.H.I.E.L.D. CLASS. MOST DECORATED S.W.O.R.D. AGENT OF THE DECADE. AND NOW UNDENIABLY THE GREATEST B.A.N. OPERATIVE IN THE AGENCY'S HISTORY.
BUT YOU ALSO GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE WITH A HISTORY DEGREE FROM EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY.
WITH A MINOR IN ECONOMICS.
EXACTLY. MONEY, HA-HA!
YOU'RE A GROWN-ASS PERSON WHO KNOWS HOW THINGS WORK. SO I DON'T HAVE TO PLAY AROUND HERE, DO I?
NO, SIR.
LOOK, EAGLESTAR'S A MODERN MULTINATIONAL. SO WE GOTTA GROW. AND NOT JUST GROW GROW.
EXPONENTIAL GROWTH, ALL THE TIME.
WHICH MEANS WE BASICALLY NEED SOMETHING FROM NOTHING.
GENERALLY, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, RIGHT? DEFIES THE LAWS OF PHYSICS.
SO WE RUN A LOT OF SCAMS, HA-HA!
BUT THAT GETS BORING.
AND IF YOU KEEP IT UP TOO LONG, FOLKS EVENTUALLY GET A LITTLE TOOTHY ABOUT IT.
BUT...!

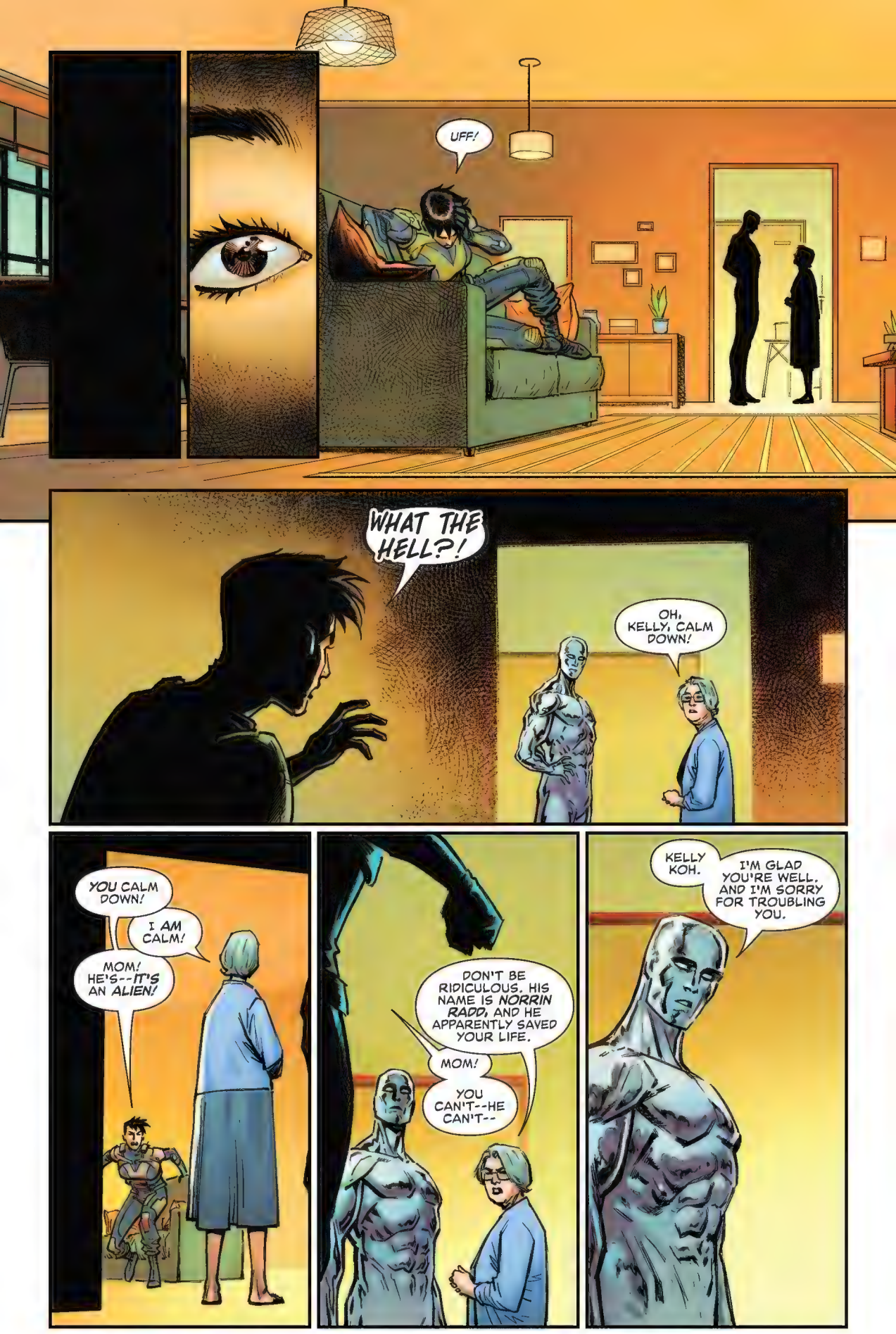
...WE LIVE IN AN AGE OF MARVELS!
THE LAWS OF PHYSICS GET DEFIED EVERY DAMN DAY OUT THERE BY SOME FREAK.
WE JUST GOTTA FIGURE OUT WHICH FREAK WE CAN EXPLOIT.
SO WE FOCUS-GROUPED IT.
UNFORTUNATELY, SUPER HEROES ARE TOO TIED UP WITH THE GOVERNMENT.
NOT READY TO POKE THAT PARTICULAR BEAR JUST YET, SO THEY GET A BYE FOR NOW.
MUTANTS ARE OUT. KIDS LOVE 'EM.
SUPERNATURAL WEIRDOS...ARE A LITTLE...TOO WEIRD. THINGS BETTER LEFT UNTOUCHED, ET CETERA, ET CETERA.
BUT ALIENS.
ALIENS ARE THE SWEET SPOT.
TREMENDOUS UNTAPPED POWER...
...FROM A POPULATION ALMOST NO ONE CARES ABOUT.
SO THAT'S WHY I BOUGHT B.A.N.
AND THAT'S WHY I'M SENDING YOU AFTER THE VERY BIGGEST ALIEN AROUND.

"YOU GOOD WITH THAT, MAJOR KOH?"
AWK?
I ASK MYSELF THE SAME THING ALL THE TIME, FRIEND.
AWK!
HM.
WWWWWWW
SURFER!
MY NAME'S KELLY KOH! I WORK FOR B.A.N.--BUT IT'S JUST BEEN TAKEN OVER BY A MANIAC FROM EAGLESTAR!
AND HE'S COMING FOR YOU!
THAT'S INTERESTING...
...IT MOSTLY LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE COMING FOR ME, KELLY KOH.
NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND--
VEEEEEEE

GAAAAAAAAH!!
GAAAH!
KRRR


BPRAAKOOOOM
THEY SAID YOU WERE A SUCKER.
WHY...
...WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS?
IT'S MY JOB. AND I'M GOOD AT IT.
NO. THERE'S SOMETHING MORE.
WHAT, LIKE I WAS BITTEN BY AN *ALIEN* WHEN I WAS THREE?
NO.
I JUST LIKE HITTING MY MARKS.
FTOOOOOOM

YOUR WEAPON...CAN'T KILL ME... BUT--
HNNNHH!
I'M SORRY-- I'M LOSING C-- CONTROL--
YOU NEED-- YOU NEED TO RUN...
C'MON. YOU CAN'T BLUFF A BLUFFER.
NNNHH...
IT'S ALL RIGHT...
...I'M WITH YOU.


UFF!
WHAT THE HELL?!
OH, KELLY, CALM DOWN!
YOU CALM DOWN!
I AM CALM!
MOM! HE'S--IT'S AN ALIEN!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. HIS NAME IS NORRIN RADD, AND HE APPARENTLY SAVED YOUR LIFE.
MOM!
YOU CAN'T--HE CAN'T--
KELLY KOH.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE WELL. AND I'M SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU.

BEEPER! HOW--HOW THE HELL DID HE GET IN HERE?
HOW DID WHO GET IN HERE?
WE DON'T HAVE ANY RECORD OF ANY INTRUDERS...
VEEP VEEP VEEP
AH HELL.
MAJOR KOH. A LITTLE BIT OF A SURPRISING END TO YOUR ADVENTURE, EH?
THAT WOULD BE A YES...
DON'T WORRY--WE'RE VERY PLEASED.
EVERYTHING WENT JUST AS PLANNED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HE GOT AWAY!
YES, EXCEPT THAT PART.
BUT WE'VE GOT A PLAN FOR THAT...

...WE'RE SENDING YOU A NEW TARGET.
SKAAR, SON OF HULK. THE SECOND MOST POWERFUL AND DANGEROUS ALIEN CURRENTLY DESECRATING OUR PLANET--
WAIT, NO! I'M GOING AFTER THE SURFER! THAT SONOFA--!
WE'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT STRONG ENOUGH FOR THAT YET, KELLY.
SO ALL IN GOOD TIME.
FOR NOW, YOU'RE COLLECTING THE BAIT...

...WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

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CHAPTER 2: PANDORA

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GALAXY...
GO BACK.
THIS IS NOT A PLACE FOR LIVING THINGS.
THE ONLY THING HERE IS DEATH.
THE DEATH TAKES THE FORM OF ENERGY THAT NO MORTAL CAN CONTROL.
IT WILL KILL YOU AND EVERYONE YOU KNOW.
GO BACK.
THIS IS NOT A PLACE FOR LIVING THINGS...

...THE ONLY THING HERE IS DEATH.
AND NOW HE'S JUST ON REPEAT, HUH?
BORING!
HIS ENERGY READINGS ARE SPIKING, DIRECTOR...
OH, HE WANTS A FIGHT?
NO, HARMON!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
THE DEATH TAKES THE FORM OF ENERGY THAT NO MORTAL CAN CONTROL.
THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT, SISTER CHANKARNA...
...BUT WE BROUGHT ALL THESE TOYS!
YOU THINK WE'RE NOT GONNA USE 'EM?
FRAKOOOOOOM
IT WILL KILL YOU--
--AND EVERYONE YOU KNOW.
HA HA! GIVE IT THE MAX!
THAT'LL TAP INTO OUR ENGINE RESERVES, SIR!
WE--WE WON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO RETURN TO EARTH!
COME ON! IS EVERYONE IN THE UNIVERSE A MISERABLE COWARD EXCEPT ME?

"LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!"
FRRRAAKOOOOSH!
KRRAAKOOOOOM
WE--WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUEL TO TAKE OFF AGAIN NOW--
BUCK UP, LOSERS.
WE'LL HAVE ALL THE POWER THERE IS BY THE TIME WE'RE DONE.
THIS POWER...
...IS ONLY FOR THE GODS.
HA HA!
THAT SOUNDS RIGHT UP MY ALLEY.
I MEAN, COME ON...

"...THE GODS WE HAVE AREN'T DOING ANYTHING WORTHWHILE."
DON'T WORRY...
-SOB-
...I'VE GOT YOU. ALL RIGHT?
ALL...ALL RIGHT.
YAAAAAAY!
HA HA!
YOU...YOU JUST STOPPED THAT WAR IN SANTO MARCO.
YES.
IF YOU CAN DO THAT...

...WHY ARE YOU HELPING US?
WHAA--?
LOOK!
I CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE.
CAN YOU?
NO...
BUT RIGHT NOW... I'M HERE.
AND SO ARE YOU.
SO--
DON'T MOVE, YOU MONSTER!
WE NEED BACKUP! EVERYBODY! WE GOT THAT SILVER FREAK!
RAISE YOUR HANDS!
GET AWAY FROM THOSE KIDS!
PLEASE, IT'S ALL RIGHT...
LEAVE HIM ALONE!
BONK
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
AAAAH!

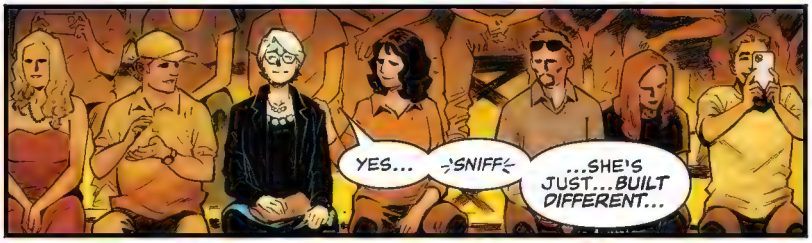
FFFSSSS
PLUNK
GLLORRRRP
GAH!
RUN!
DON'T WORRY. THEY CAN'T--
GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, YOU FREAK!
TOKK
STOP HIM!
DEAR LORD...
WHAT THE HELL?

BUREAU OF ALIEN NEUTRALIZATION SUBSATELLITE HEADQUARTERS!
OKAY, SO, WHAT ABOUT THOR? WHAT ABOUT CAROL DANVERS?
THEY'RE ALIENS, AREN'T THEY?
OH, COME ON, JANICE. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THEM.
WE'RE GOING AFTER THE MONSTERS.
LIKE THE SILVER SURFER.
I MEAN, LOOK AT THIS SHINY CREEP!
HEY!
HE UNLEASHED HELL IN SANTO MARCO...
...AND NOW HE'S HERE IN AMERICA, TERRORIZING KIDS!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
HIS NAME IS NORRIN--AND HE'S NICE!
I MEAN, HE SAVED YOUR LIFE.
HE'S AN ALIEN, MOM. HE'S GOT TO GO.
KELLY!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING PEOPLE!
I AM HELPING, MOM!
I'M KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE! ESPECIALLY YOU!
YOU KNOW HOW MANY ALIENS WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE?

WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BULLY PEOPLE LIKE NORRIN!
HE'S NOT PEOPLE, MOM!
TCH.
DO YOU EVEN HEAR YOURSELF, LITTLE GIRL?
EVERYTHING OKAY, MAJOR?
NO.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR ME, BEEPER?
THE OTHER TEAMS HAVE ALREADY DEPLOYED.
BUT I SAVED THE MOST HIGH-POWERED WEAPONRY IN THE FACILITY FOR YOU.
SOME OF IT MIGHT INITIALLY INTERFERE WITH YOUR MANEUVERABILITY, BUT WITH THE PROPER ADJUSTMENTS...
ARE YOU SURE EVERYTHING'S OKAY?
I ALREADY SAID NO.
YES, WELL, I ASSUMED THAT WAS A SARDONIC COMMENTARY ON YOUR GENERAL FRUSTRATION, NOT A TRUE ESTIMATION OF YOUR READINESS FOR ACTION.
UFF.
ALL RIGHT, BEEPER.
ASK ANYONE...

"...I'M *FINE.*

"I'M *ALWAYS* FINE."



NEVADA.
AAAAH!
BINGO.
HE'S... HE'S JUST A LITTLE KID.
DON'T WORRY...
FRAAAKOOSH
...HE'S BUILT DIFFERENT.
BRRAAKOOOOOM
MY GOD...
BRACE YOURSELVES...
HOOO!
FRRAKOOOOOOM

GRRRRAAAAA!
THAT'S SKAAR, SON OF HULK!
HE CAN CHANNEL AN ALIEN SAKAARIAN ENERGY KNOWN AS THE OLD POWER--
I'M AWARE, BEEPER.
AAAAAAGH!
THAT'S WHY I TOOK THE BIG GUN.
KRRRAAAAKOOOOM
HM...

DIRECTOR HARMON, MAJOR KOH HAS ENGAGED WITH SKAAR.
AND AS PREDICTED, HIS ENERGY READINGS SHOW TRACES OF THE POWER COSMIC. SO EVERYTHING GOES AS PLANNED.
SHE'S EARLY.
YEAH, THAT'S KIND OF HER THING?
WELL, I'M GLAD SOMEONE HAS SOME INITIATIVE AROUND HERE.
GO ON NOW, DOCTOR! THE CLOCK'S STARTED!
IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE.
OH MY GOD...
HRRRRRRRNNNNN
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET CLOSER!
THE READINGS ARE ALREADY--
FWOOOOOOSH
AAAAAGH!
THAT'S IT!

SKRRRAAAAAAK
AAAAAAAAAAGH!
UNNF--
WHO...?
...WHY...?
WHY...?
KELLY, IT'S YOUR MOTHER.
LOOK, I'M SORRY IF IT SEEMED LIKE I WAS PICKING A FIGHT. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR HEAD ANYMORE, AND--
CAN'T TALK RIGHT NOW, MOM.
CRRAANK
FRRAAKOOOOM
AAAAAGH!
SKRRAAKK

TTTSZZZZZTT
WHA-- WHAT ARE YOU--?!
AAAH!
IT'S THE OLD POWER.
IT CONNECTS ME TO PEOPLE... THROUGH THE EARTH...SOMETIMES EVEN THROUGH THE COSMOS...
THOSE ARE MY...MY FRIENDS. ATTACKED BY YOUR PEOPLE.
WHY ARE YOU DOING--?
GET OUT OF MY HEAD, YOU MONSTER!
BRRRZZAAAAAH
KRAKOOOOM
GAH!

THE ONLY MONSTER...
...IS YOU.
AAAAGH!
SKRRRRRRRRRRK
HA HA HA HA HA!

DID... DID YOU FEEL THAT?
YES...
"...GALACTUS."
HA HA HA HA!
GO, SURFER...
GGAAAAAAH!
DROP HER, OR HE DIES!
...YOU'VE GOT BIGGER THINGS TO SMASH.

FWOOOOOOOOM
WHAT--WHAT ARE YOU FREAKING OUT ABOUT, YOU MISERABLE--?
YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW, DO YOU?
I HOPE YOU NEVER FIND OUT.
HOW'RE WE DOING?
THE ENERGY'S... INCREDIBLE. THE BANKS ARE NEARLY FULL.
AND WE'RE READY TO LAUNCH--
NO, NO, NO! NOT UNTIL WE'VE TAPPED EVERY LAST--
FRAAAKOOOOOM
OOPS.

BRRAAKOOOOOSH
NO!
SKAAR! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
HARMON!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE UNLEASHED?

I GOT A LITTLE NOTION.
SKRRRAAAAKCCCCCCCM
AAAAAAAAAGH!
SWEET.
FWOOOOSH
GO BACK.
THIS IS NOT A PLACE FOR LIVING THINGS.
GO BACK.

"THE ONLY THING HERE...
KKRRREEEEEEEEEEEE...
"...IS DEATH."

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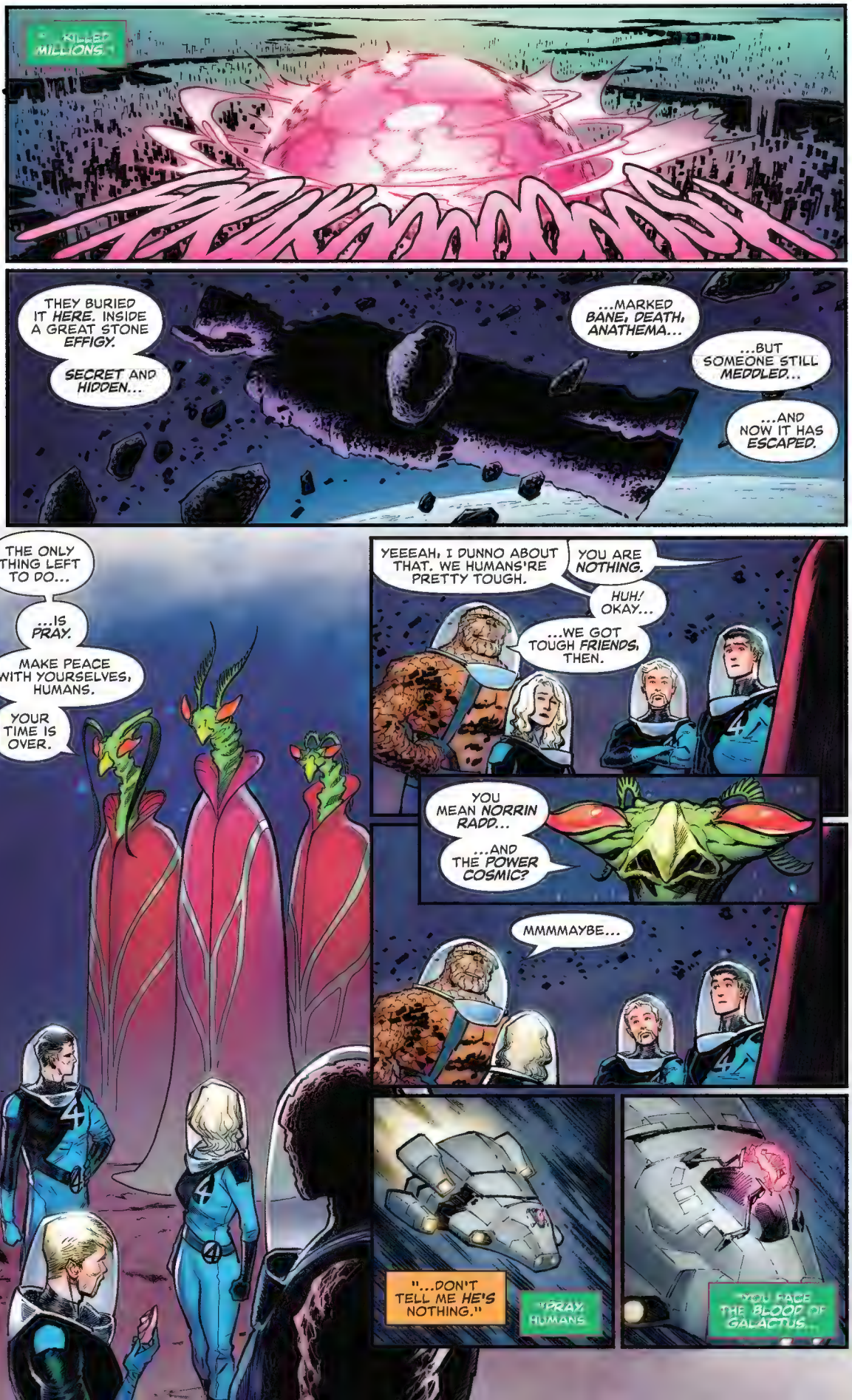
CHAPTER 3: FANTASTIC

WATCH OUT, BEN!
AW, COOL YOUR JETS, HOTHEAD...
...I BEEN FLYING THESE BIRDS SINCE YOU WERE IN KNICKERBOCKERS.
I...DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KNICKERBOCKERS ARE?
EXACTLY.
THAT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE ANY--
HEADS UP, BOYS...
...I THINK WE'RE HERE...
...AND IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE'S EXPECTING US.
GREETINGS.
WE COME FROM EARTH. WE'RE THE FANTASTIC FOUR.
WE REALLY SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT THROUGH THAT NAME A LITTLE MORE.
HA!
I MEAN, WHAT KIND OF IMPRESSION DOES THAT MAKE, WALKING UP TO SOMEONE, SAYING HI, WE'RE THE--

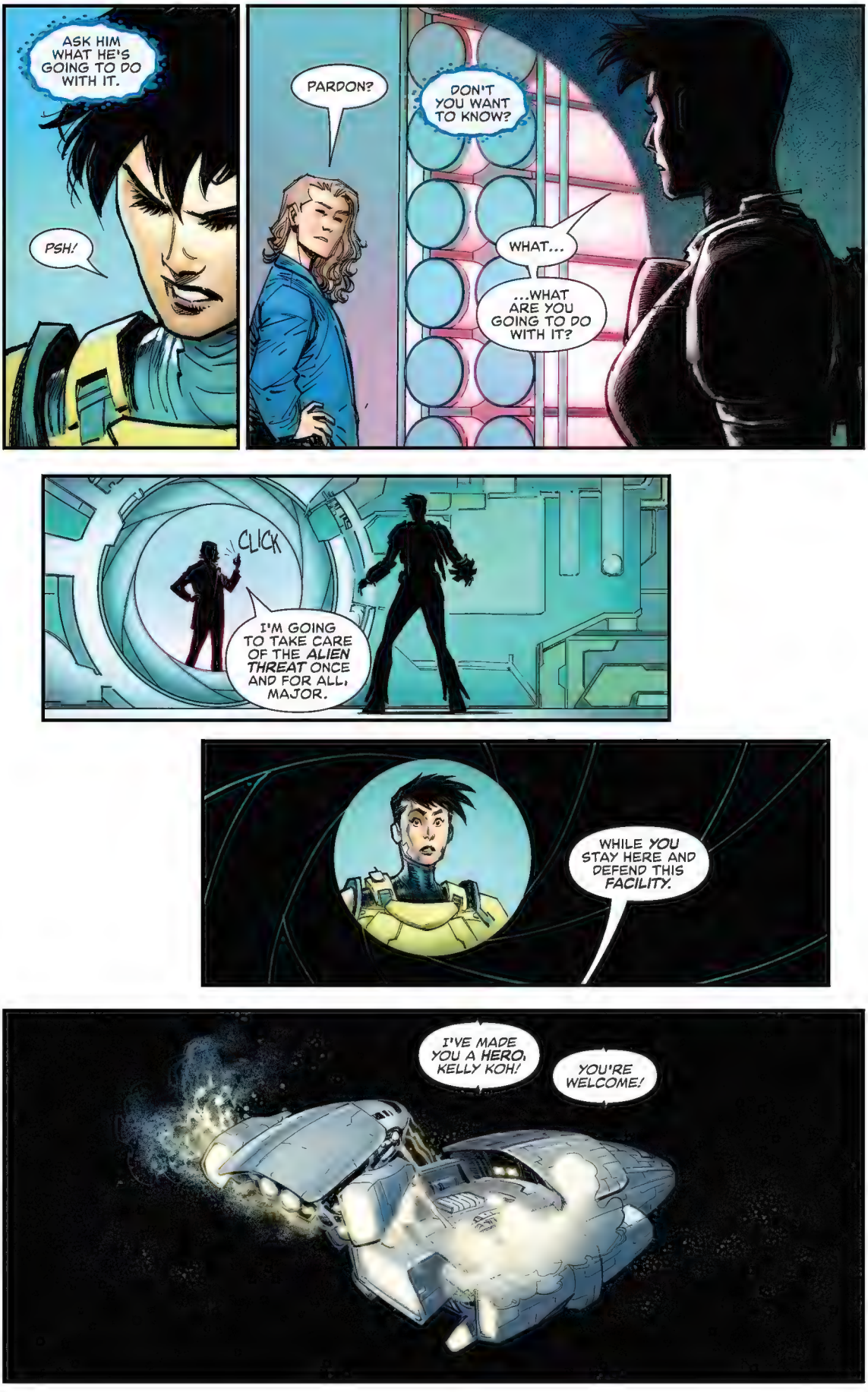
TOO LATE!
TOO LATE!
WHOA!
IT'S NEVER TOO LATE.
WHAT'S GOING ON, AND WHAT CAN WE DO?
TOO LATE.
THE BLOOD ESCAPED.
THE BLOOD?
THESE... LOOK LIKE CLAW MARKS.
PRETTY BIG CLAWS.
WHAT...WHAT HAPPENED?
CENTURIES AGO, A BRAVE PEOPLE TRIED TO KILL THE WORLD-EATER.
YOU MEAN...
YES...
GALACTUS
"BUT WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT, THEY COULD ONLY WOUND HIM.
...AND THE DROP OF BLOOD THAT FELL...


KILLED MILLIONS.
THEY BURIED IT HERE. INSIDE A GREAT STONE EFFIGY.
SECRET AND HIDDEN...
...MARKED BANE, DEATH, ANATHEMA...
...BUT SOMEONE STILL MEDDLED...
...AND NOW IT HAS ESCAPED.
THE ONLY THING LEFT TO DO...
...IS PRAY.
MAKE PEACE WITH YOURSELVES, HUMANS.
YOUR TIME IS OVER.
YEEEAH, I DUNNO ABOUT THAT. WE HUMANS'RE PRETTY TOUGH.
YOU ARE NOTHING.
HUH! OKAY...
...WE GOT TOUGH FRIENDS, THEN.
YOU MEAN NORRIN RADD...
...AND THE POWER COSMIC?
MMMMAYBE...
"...DON'T TELL ME HE'S NOTHING."
"PRAY, HUMANS.
"YOU FACE THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS..."

"...EVEN THE SILVER SURFER CANNOT SAVE YOU."
GRRRAAAAAAAA!
HA HA HA HA HA!

HELLO, KELLY KOH.
WHO--?
IT'S NORRIN RADD.
IN MY HEAD?
THE FIRST TIME YOU ATTACKED ME, YOU EXPOSED YOURSELF TO THE POWER COSMIC.
WE'RE CONNECTED NOW, JUST A LITTLE BIT...
...AND I COULD USE SOME HELP.
HARMON TAPPED THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS AND CAPTURED ME. BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S--
SHUT UP. YOU'RE AN ALIEN. THE ENEMY.
THAT'S WHAT HARMON TELLS YOU. BUT HE LIES.
AND YOU KNOW IT, DON'T YOU?
SHUT UP!
I KNOW YOUR MOTHER KNOWS IT.
WAS THAT...A "YOUR MOTHER" JOKE?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS.
BUT YOUR MOTHER--
GET OUT OF MY HEAD!
RRRRZZZAAAH
I'M SORRY, KELLY KOH.
YOU'VE SPENT YOUR WHOLE LIFE IN SERVICE.
IT'S HARD TO ADJUST WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT THE AUTHORITY YOU SERVE...
...IS WRONG IN EVERY WAY.

YOU'RE QUESTIONING EVERYTHING RIGHT NOW.
PFT!
THAT'S GOOD. TAKE YOUR TIME...
...BUT I WOULDN'T TELL HARMON.
MAJOR KOH! CONGRATULATIONS!
EVERYTHING WENT AS PLANNED, DIDN'T IT?
OR HE MIGHT TREAT YOU...
...THE WAY HE TREATS EVERYONE ELSE.
YOU CAUGHT SKAAR...
...AND I CAUGHT THE SURFER!
AND A FEW OTHERS.
YES!
THE HULK'S WARBOUND. ALL ALIENS, ALL FRIENDS OF THE SURFER. WE HIT THEM AT THE SAME TIME TO DISTRACT HIM--
--SO WE COULD GET THIS!
WHAT...IS THAT?
NO ONE REALLY KNOWS, HA HA!
BUT IT'S THE GREATEST ENERGY SOURCE HUMANS HAVE EVER TAMED!
I MEAN, IT WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE DOWN THE SURFER!


ASK HIM WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO WITH IT.
PSH!
PARDON?
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW?
WHAT...
...WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT?
CLICK
I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE ALIEN THREAT ONCE AND FOR ALL, MAJOR.
WHILE YOU STAY HERE AND DEFEND THIS FACILITY.
I'VE MADE YOU A HERO, KELLY KOH!
YOU'RE WELCOME!

CUT ME LOOSE, KELLY.
SHUT UP.
I KNOW IT'S HARD.
YOU HAVE BEEN ALONE. DIFFERENT. VULNERABLE.
SO AFTER YOU LOST YOUR FATHER, YOU TOOK EVERY TEST THEY EVER GAVE...
...AND YOU PROVED YOURSELF THE BEST.
SHUT UP!
IT'S WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE.
IT KEEPS YOU SAFE.
TIK TIK TIK TAK
IT KEEPS YOUR MOTHER SAFE.
YOU'VE TRUSTED THAT SYSTEM ALL YOUR LIFE, KELLY.
BUT IT ALSO KEEPS YOU ALONE.
AND TRUST ME WHEN I TELL YOU...
...NONE OF US CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THIS UNIVERSE BY OURSELV--
SKRRRRK
WATCH ME.
KRAKOOOOM

KELLY KOH.
SHUT UP!
PARDON?
WHO... WHO IS THIS?
GO AHEAD, SAY IT, STRETCH.
WE'RE...THE FANTASTIC FOUR.
COME ON, TELL ME IT DOESN'T SOUND WEIRD TO YOU.
WE'RE COMING FOR THE SILVER SURFER.
INTERESTING. YOU CAN'T HAVE HIM.
UNDER ORDER 765.33, THE BUREAU OF ALIEN NEUTRALIZATION RETAINS FULL CUSTODY OF ANY--
I APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION TO DUTY, MAJOR KOH. BUT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN SHI'AR TERRITORY, WHERE B.A.N. OBVIOUSLY HAS NO JURISDICTION.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...
...MILLIONS OF LIVES ARE AT STAKE...
...INCLUDING YOUR MOTHER'S.
THIS AGAIN.
I'M... SORRY. I DO MY HOMEWORK-- I'M SURE YOU DO TOO.
B.A.N. IS TOYING WITH POWERS THAT WILL ENDANGER--
ALL RIGHT.
ALL RIGHT?
YEAH...

"...COME ON IN."
THANK YOU, MAJOR. I KNOW THIS IS A DIFFICULT MOMENT, BUT YOU'VE--
FTOOOP
WHA--?
NO ONE THREATENS MY MOTHER.
FWOOOOOOOOSH
JOHNNY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SHE'S JUST A GRUNT. YOU DON'T NEED TO GO ALL OUT HERE--

I--I CAN'T STOP IT!
GAH!
FWKRRAAAAAK
BREATHE, JOHNNY. YOU CAN CONTROL THIS.
THAT DART! SHE'S-- SHE'S DONE SOMETHING!
EVERYONE, GET BACK, BEFORE--!
SKRRRRRAAAAAAAK
FWOOOOOOOP
DON'T WORRY, LITTLE BRO...

...I'VE GOT YOU.
TH-THANKS, SUE.
ALL RIGHT, MAJOR.
I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH DRAMA FOR ONE--
SKRRRAAAAAAKKKK
GAH!
STRETCH!
SHE'S ICED ME.
C-CLEVER.
I...TH-THINK... IT'S YOUR TURN, BEN.
COOL.
HA HA! "COOL"! GET IT? I WASN'T EVEN TRYING FOR THAT.
ALL RIGHT!
GET READY, KID, 'CAUSE--

--IT'S--
SKRKOOOSH
--CLOBBERIN'--

KRAKOOOOM
YOINK!

ALL RIGHT.
ENOUGH PLAYING AROUND, BOYS.
WOOOOSSSH
JOHNNY, REED COULD USE A LITTLE WARM-UP.
ON IT!
AAAAH...
...THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
DAMN!
I KNOW IT SOUNDS LIKE BRAGGING, MAJOR...
GAH!
SKRAAAAKT
...BUT WE REALLY ARE FANTASTIC.

GRR AA AAA A!
SKLAANG
HA HA!
I LIKE THIS KID.
YOU SHOULDN'T.
CLICK
SKRREEEEEEEEEEEE
HUH?

WHOOP!
DANGIT!
GOTCHA.
DITTO.
WE CAN DO THIS AS LONG AS YOU LIKE, MAJOR.
BUT WE AREN'T THE THREAT HERE.
KKRRRRRRREEEEEEEEEEEEE
WHAT THE--?

FRRR

KREEEEEEEE!
EVERYONE HANG TIGHT-- WHATEVER THEY ARE, SO FAR THEY'RE JUST PASSING BY--
SKRAAACH
AAAAAAGGGH!
SPTANG
I'VE-- I'VE LOST THE SHIP!
WAIT--!
WHAT THE--!
NO--!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S ALL RIGHT...
...AS LONG AS WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER...
BUT WHERE--
--WHERE ARE THEY TAKING US?
KRREEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!
YOU TRUSTED NO ONE, KELLY KOH...

...AND NOW THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS IS HEADING FOR EARTH...
CAN YOU FINALLY LET YOURSELF BELIEVE...
...THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE?

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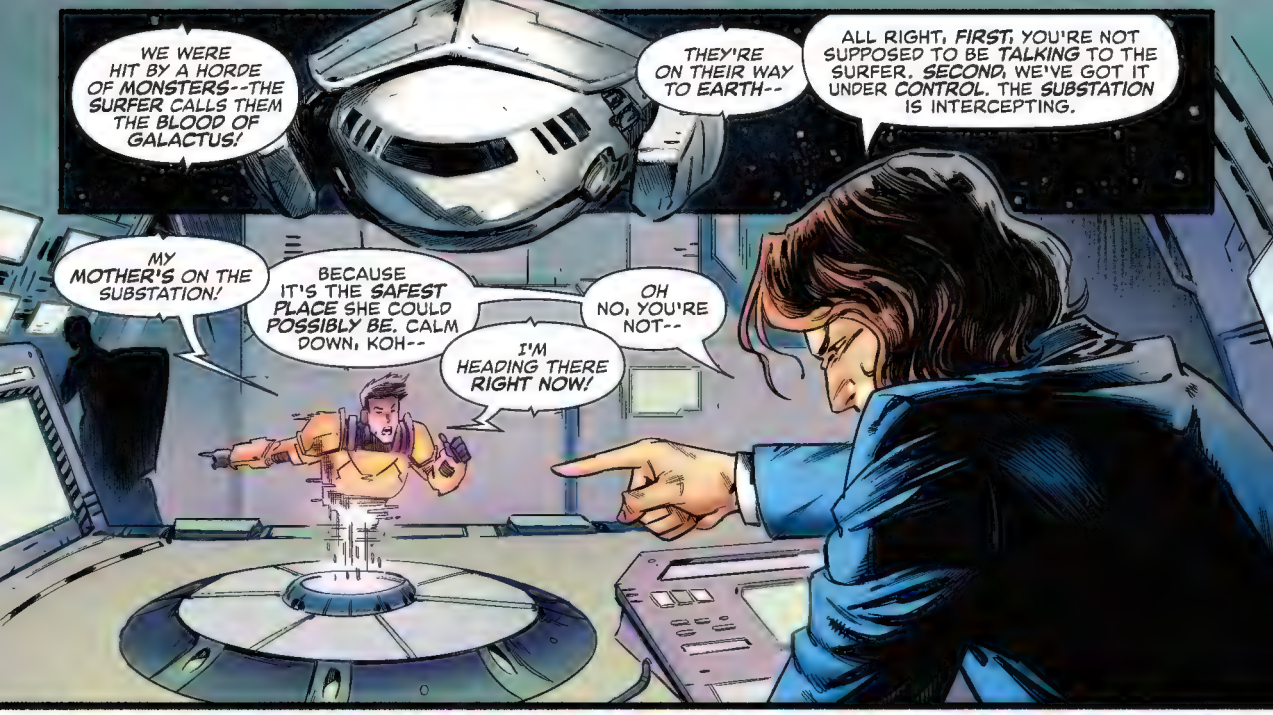
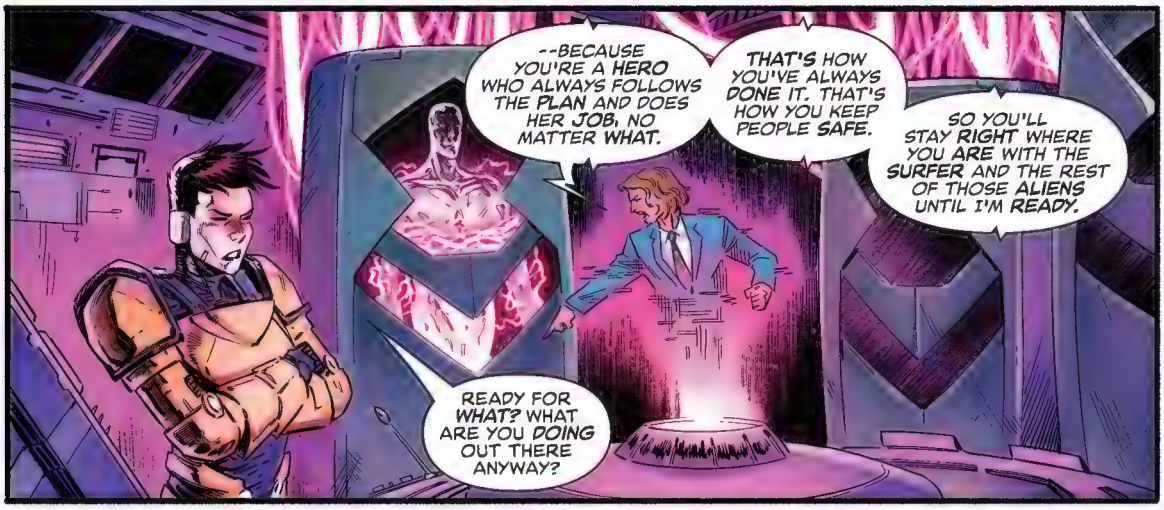
CHAPTER 4: TRY

BUREAU OF ALIEN NEUTRALIZATION SUBSTATION SATELLITE HEADQUARTERS.
KELLY, IT'S YOUR MOTHER.
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU-- I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING...
...BUT SOMETHING'S GOING ON HERE...
...BEEPER'S A LITTLE MORE AGITATED THAN USUAL.
PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR HOMES AND INITIATE DEFENSIVE PROTOCOLS!
PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR HOMES AND INITIATE DEFENSIVE PROTOCOLS!
SO...JUST A LITTLE BIT WORRIED!
I KNOW YOU'RE ON IT, WHATEVER IT IS. YOU ALWAYS ARE, MY LOVELY GIRL. KEEPING EVERYBODY SAFE.
BUT... I WANTED TO CHECK IN.
NO EMERGENCY.
KELLY
SKRRREEOOOOOWW
OR MAYBE IT IS--I DON'T KNOW?
VERY EXCITING, ANYWAY!
HA-HA!

B.A.N. CONTAINMENT SHUTTLE 00338.
ANYWAY, I'M HERE, WHEN YOU HAVE A MINUTE. I LOVE YOU, MY BEAUTIFUL GIR--
BRRZZZZZZTTTZZ
MOM!
MOM, THIS IS KELLY! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
MOM?
THE BLOOD...
...THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS IS HEADING TOWARD EARTH.
SHUT UP!
YOUR MOTHER...NEEDS HELP.
BUT YOU CAN'T REACH HER IN TIME...
...NOT BY YOURSELF.
KLAK
HARMON!
THAT'S DIRECTOR HARMON, MAJOR KOH.
BUT GOOD JOB KEEPING THE FANTASTIC FOUR FROM FREEING THE SURFER. YOU'RE EVERYTHING THEY SAID YOU--
SHUT UP AND LISTEN!


WE WERE HIT BY A HORDE OF MONSTERS--THE SURFER CALLS THEM THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS!
THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO EARTH--
ALL RIGHT, FIRST, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE TALKING TO THE SURFER. SECOND, WE'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL. THE SUBSTATION IS INTERCEPTING.
MY MOTHER'S ON THE SUBSTATION!
BECAUSE IT'S THE SAFEST PLACE SHE COULD POSSIBLY BE. CALM DOWN, KOH--
OH NO, YOU'RE NOT--
I'M HEADING THERE RIGHT NOW!


--BECAUSE YOU'RE A HERO WHO ALWAYS FOLLOWS THE PLAN AND DOES HER JOB, NO MATTER WHAT.
THAT'S HOW YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE IT. THAT'S HOW YOU KEEP PEOPLE SAFE.
SO YOU'LL STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE WITH THE SURFER AND THE REST OF THOSE ALIENS UNTIL I'M READY.
READY FOR WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT THERE ANYWAY?

YOU WANT ME TO BRAG? OKAY, I'LL BRAG.
I'M ABOUT TO MAKE HUMANS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ALIENS OR THE MUTANTS OR THE HEROES OR THE GODS.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING, KOH. I'M GONNA SAVE EVERYBODY.
LIES.

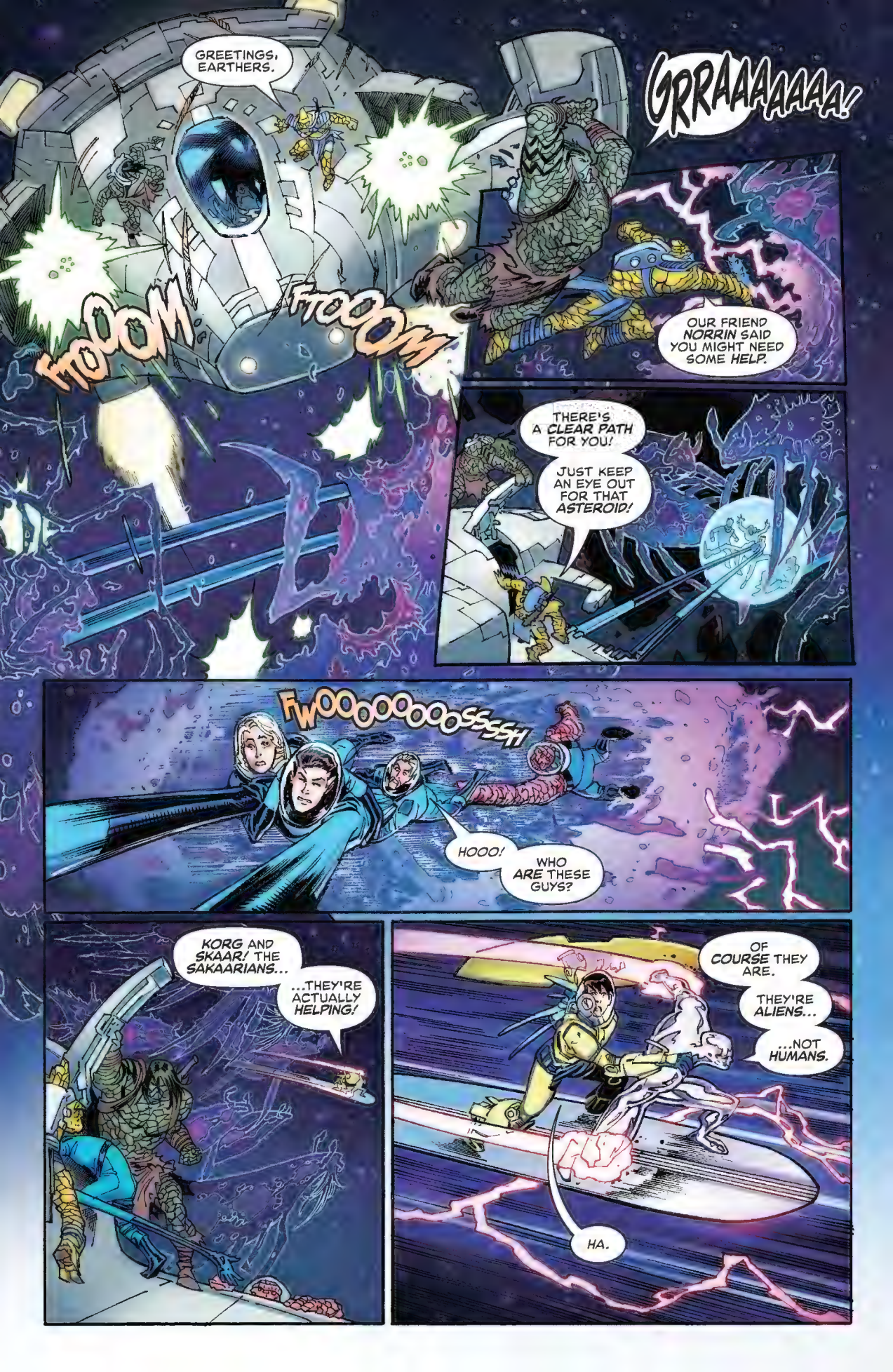
SUCH A LIGHT YOU ARE, SISTER CHANKARNA.
YOU NEEDED ME FOR MY EYES. TO FIND THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS.
BUT NOW I SEE ONLY YOU.
AND... WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?
NOTHING.
JUST A VOID. HUNGRY AND YAWNING AND--

OKAY, BORED NOW.
KLIK
AAAAAAAAA--
BZZZZZZZTTT
--AAAAAAAAAGH!
DO YOU SEE HIM NOW, KELLY KOH?
DO YOU SEE YOURSELF?
THE ROLE YOU'VE PLAYED YOUR WHOLE LI--
SHUT UP!
CLACK
WOOOOOOMP
HM.

ON THE WAY TO EARTH...
SKRRR

SKRRRAAAAKKOOOOOM
DON'T MAKE ME REGRET THIS, SURFER!
EVEN WITH THE POWER COSMIC, I CANNOT CONTROL REGRET.
BUT TOGETHER, WE WILL DO WHAT WE MUST.
OH BOY!
NORRIN!
YEAH, SURE SOUNDS LIKE HIM, HA-HA!
HOPE THE NEW KID'S UP FOR A LITTLE PHILOSOPHIZIN'...

KTOOOOOSH
FRAKOOOOOM
...AND MAYBE A LITTLE PULVERIZING.
UFF! THEY'RE TAKING A LOTTA HEAT OUT THERE...
SUE! THIS IS OUR CHANCE!
THEY'RE DRAWING THE HORDE AWAY!
NOT ALL OF THEM!
DON'T THINK WE'LL GET A BETTER SHOT...
DAMMIT!
FWOOP
HURRY, REED!
YES, MA'AM!
KRRAAAAA?
KAAAAARRR!
SKRRAAANCH
AAAAAAGH!
REED!
FTOOOM
FTOOOM


GREETINGS, EARTHERS.
GRRAAAAAAA!
FTOOOM
FTOOOM
OUR FRIEND NORRIN SAID YOU MIGHT NEED SOME HELP.
THERE'S A CLEAR PATH FOR YOU!
JUST KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THAT ASTEROID!
FWOOOOOOOOSSSSH
HOOO!
WHO ARE THESE GUYS?
KORG AND SKAAR! THE SAKAARIANS...
...THEY'RE ACTUALLY HELPING!
OF COURSE THEY ARE.
THEY'RE ALIENS...
...NOT HUMANS.
HA.

OKAY, RICHARDS, THIS IS KELLY KOH! WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE NOW-- KEEPING THE HORDE FROM REACHING EARTH!
YOU'RE THE BIG BRAIN-- WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
THESE ORGANISMS COME FROM THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS...
...THEY WERE IMPRISONED IN A MONOLITH MADE OF SOME KIND OF LAVA.
WE TOOK SAMPLES OF THAT ROCK.
IT MUST HAVE SOME PROPERTY THAT INHIBITS THE POWER COSMIC.
I JUST NEED TIME TO FIGURE OUT HOW--
WE DON'T HAVE TIME!
BUT WE HAVE SKAAR...
ANOTHER ROCK GUY. EVERYONE'S CRIBBING MY SHTICK, HUH?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT SHTICK...
...BUT THE SON OF HULK AND CAIERA THE OLDSTRONG HAS THE OLD POWER...
SHRRAAAK
...AND THE OLD POWER WORKS THROUGH STONE.
SO NOW WHATEVER THIS LAVA DOES...
...WE CAN DO.
WHOA!
SKRRAAAAAAK
SKRREEEEEEE!

WHAT THE HECK ARE WE--
JUST CLEARING THE WAY FOR SKAAR.
WHERE'S HE GOING?
--HE JUST NEEDS A LITTLE MORE RAW MATERIAL...
--WE NEED MORE STONE.
KTOOOOOOOOM
KRRAAAKK
SMASH
BOOM

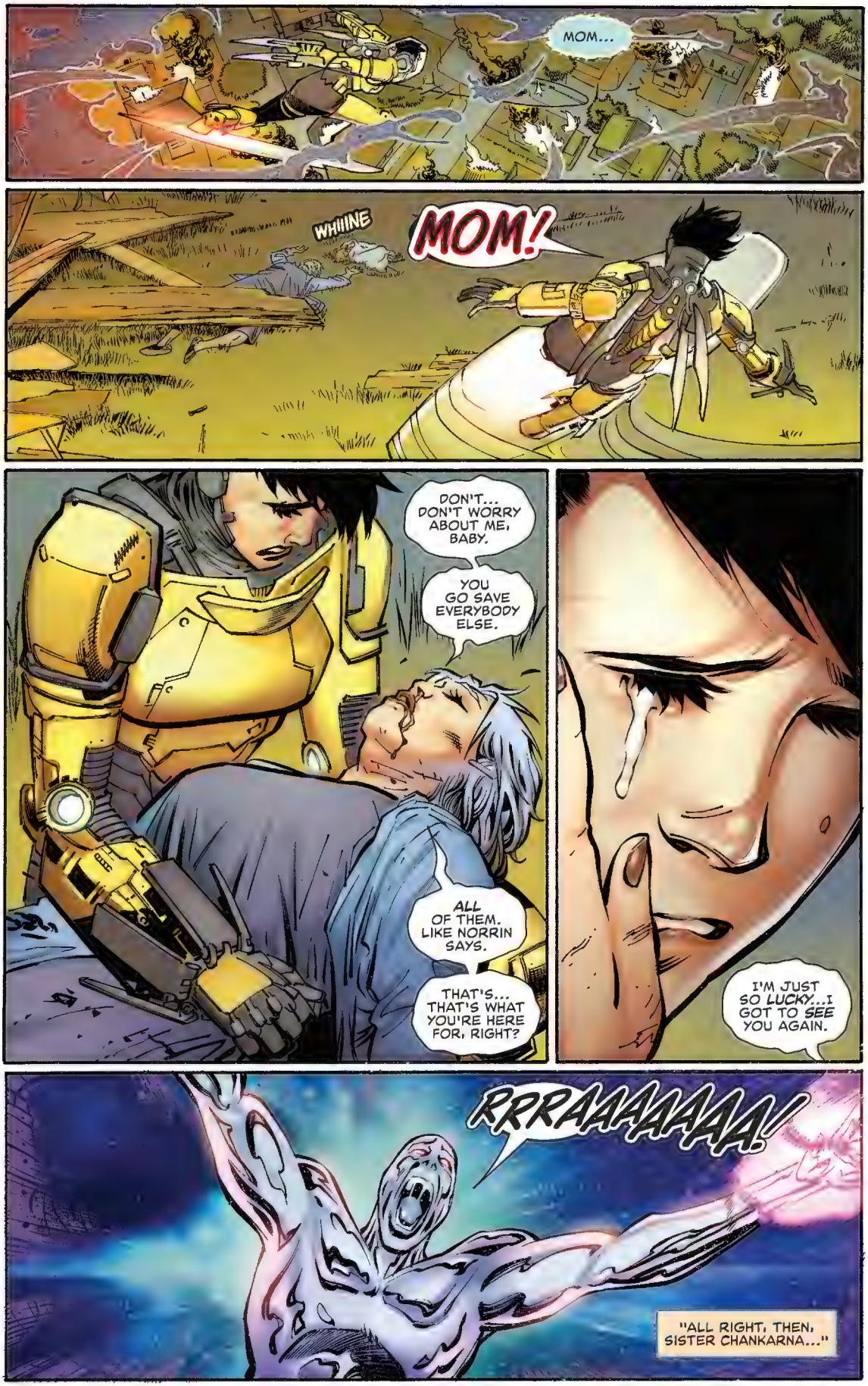
THEY-- THEY MADE A TRAP!
WE'RE-- WE'RE ACTUALLY DOING THIS!
YES, KELLY KOH.
NO ONE CAN FIX EVERYTHING, EVEN WITH THE POWER COSMIC.
BUT IF WE'RE HERE...
...WE HAVE TO TRY, DON'T WE?
AND WE ARE HERE.
YES.
WELL...

"...I'M HERE TOO."
FRRAAAKOOOOOM
NOOOO!
OKAY, MAYBE A LITTLE *TOO* EXCITING?

BEEPER, STOP FIRING ON THAT STONE!
THE ALIENS ARE TRAPPING THE GALACTUS HORDE IN THERE! YOU CAN'T--
OUR ONLY ORDER IS TO NEUTRALIZE THE ALIENS, MAJOR KOH.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THE HORDE IS HEADING FOR EARTH! YOU HAVE TO--
APOLOGIES.
BRAKOOM
KRRAAAAAAAAAA!
M-MOM!
KELLY...
...GO.
TTTTTTMMMGG
WH-WHA? MY SHIELD--

HSOOOOOSH
GAAAAAAAH!
KRRAAAKOOOOM
MOM! I'M NEARLY THERE!
FRAAKOOOOOOM
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
MOM!
OH GOD...
FRRAKOOOOOM
SURFER! I NEED YOU!
KELLY...

...I'M SORRY.
IF THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS REACHES EARTH, MILLIONS WILL DIE.
I... I GET IT.
YOU'RE...
...YOU'RE THERE...
...AND I'M HERE.
DOING... WHAT WE CAN...
...BUT...


MOM...
WHIINE
MOM!
DON'T... DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, BABY.
YOU GO SAVE EVERYBODY ELSE.
ALL OF THEM. LIKE NORRIN SAYS.
THAT'S... THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR, RIGHT?
I'M JUST SO LUCKY...I GOT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
RRRAAAAAAA!
"ALL RIGHT, THEN, SISTER CHANKARNA..."

...I'LL SHOW YOU NOTHING.
CLICK
SKRRAAAKTT
FRAAKOOOOOOOM
BRRAAAKOOOOOOOOM
SKRRAAAAAAAAAA!

MOM.
MOM.
MOM.
MOM.
MOM.
I TOLD YOU...
...NO ONE CAN FIX EVERYTHING...
...BUT...
FWOOOOSSSH
AAAAAAAH!
...IF WE'RE HERE...

...WE HAVE TO TRY.
MOM...
:SOB:
I...I WAS TOO LATE, NORRIN.
THE HORDE...
...THE HORDE KILLED HER.
NO, KELLY...
...THE HUMANS KILLED HER.

AND I... I SHAMED YOU.
I WANTED YOU TO OPEN YOUR EYES ABOUT HARMON. ABOUT ALL YOUR LEADERS WHO TELL YOU WHO TO HATE...
...BUT WHY WERE MY EYES CLOSED?
YEARS AGO... ATTACKED BY EVERYONE I MET ON YOUR PLANET...
...I SWORE...
...I SWORE TO FINALLY FIGHT BACK. TO END THE TERRIBLE REIGN OF HUMAN BRUTALITY.
I...I WAS THERE. KELLY KOH.
AND I...
...I TURNED AWAY.
BUT I'M HERE NOW.
GRRRRAAAAAAAAAA!

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CHAPTER 5: FAREWELLS

BUREAU OF ALIEN NEUTRALIZATION SUBSTATION SATELLITE HEADQUARTERS.
MOM!
KELLY?
WHAT--?!
THERE YOU ARE!
THIS IS REALLY STRANGE, ISN'T IT?
HA HA!

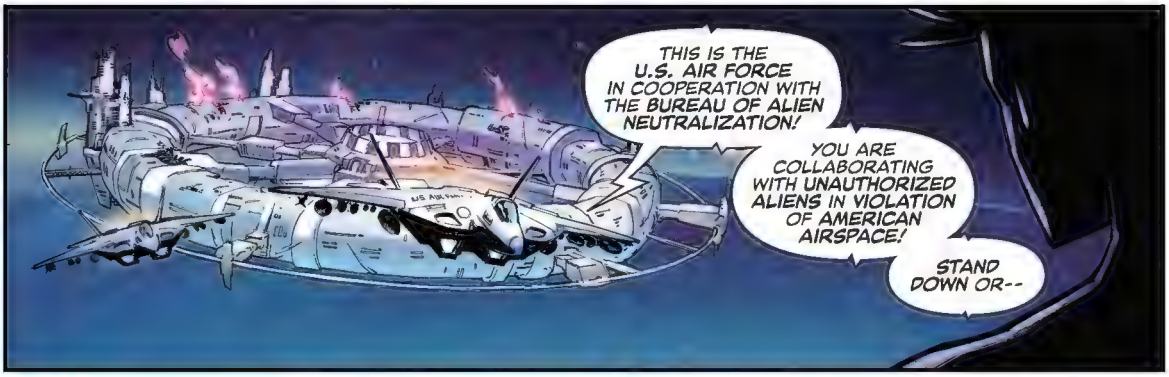
MOM?
NO HEARTBEAT... NO BRAIN ACTIVITY...
...I AM SO SORRY, MAJOR KOH--
NO, BEEPER!
THE SURFER-- THE SURFER GAVE ME THE POWER COSMIC--
--SO I JUST--I JUST SAW HER--
WE'RE PUTTING HER IN STASIS!
SHE'S...GONE, COMMANDER.
WE'RE DOING THIS, BEEPER!
Y-YES, COMMANDER!
WHINE!
IT'S GONNA BE OKAY, MOM. IT'S GONNA...
WHIIINE?
AH!
OH, YES. THAT'S THE ALIEN YOU NEUTRALIZED THE OTHER DAY. DON'T WORRY, IT'S--
H-HELP!

CRASHED... INJURED...
...STRANGE PLANET, STRANGE AIR...
HELP!
I DON'T-- I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
LITTLE ALIENS EVERYWHERE--
--RUNNING, SCARED--
--OH GODDESS, HELP ME--
KRAAKOOOOM
GAH!
GODDESS, NO...
KELLY KOH...I KNOW YOUR MIND IS BREAKING RIGHT NOW...
NORRIN...
...I SAW...I SAW THAT ALIEN'S THOUGHTS...ITS MEMORIES...
...IT...SHE WAS A PERSON. AND I KILLED HER. I KILLED HER. I--
I KNOW, KELLY...

...AND YOU'LL SIT WITH HER AND MOURN HER FOREVER.
I...
AS I MOURN EVERY SOUL I EVER FED TO GALACTUS.
AND EVERY SOUL I COULDN'T SAVE.
WE WILL CARRY WITH US FOREVER EVERYTHING WE DID OR DIDN'T DO WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR US TO ACT.
I...
BUT TODAY... THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS IS UPON US.
IF IT REACHES EARTH...
NORRIN...

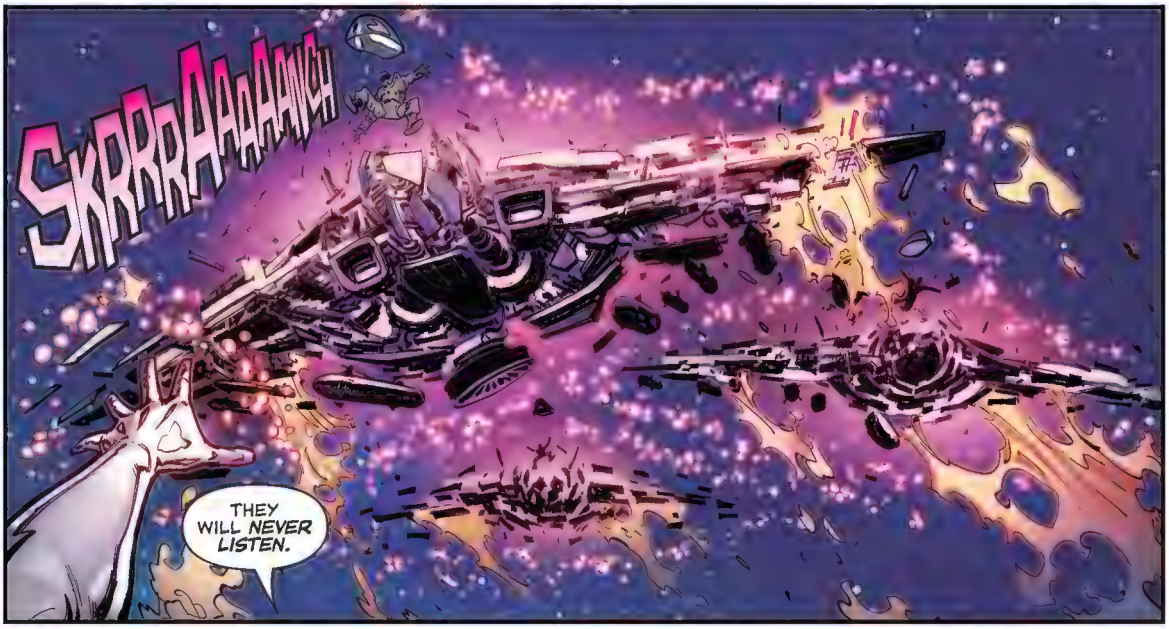
...I'M HERE.
HEYYY!
LOOK AT THE KID!
SHINY!

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, NORRIN.
GOOD TO SEE YOU, FANTASTIC FOUR.
YOU KNOW, I KIND OF LIKE IT WHEN HE SAYS IT.
HA HA!
HAAAA! KORG! SKAAR! KEEP SSSSSMASHING!
WILL DO! BUT THAT'S SOMEONE ELSE'S LINE, I THINK.
HNN!
THAT'S IT! WE'RE NEARLY--!
HEROES OF EARTH!


THIS IS THE U.S. AIR FORCE IN COOPERATION WITH THE BUREAU OF ALIEN NEUTRALIZATION!
YOU ARE COLLABORATING WITH UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS IN VIOLATION OF AMERICAN AIRSPACE!
STAND DOWN OR--

THIS AGAIN.
STARTING TO WONDER WHY WE BOTHER.
COME ON! THESE ALIENS ARE SAVING THE FREAKING PLANET!
BEEPER, IT'S OVER! CALL THEM OFF!

STOP BEGGING, KELLY KOH.
WAIT, WHAT--?


SKRRRAAAAAAGH
THEY WILL NEVER LISTEN.

YOU JUST ATTACKED THE U.S. MILITARY! YOU CAN'T--
AAAH!
SSHHFFFFFFTT

WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I'M TIRED OF MOURNING...
...AFTER LETTING TERRIBLE PEOPLE KEEP MAKING THESE SAME TERRIBLE CHOICES...

FRRAKOOOOOM
FRAKOOOOOM
...WHILE THE HEROES AND NATIONS OF EARTH STAND BY...
BRRRAKOOOOOOOSH
NOOOOOO!
AAAAAH!
WE'RE-- WE'RE ALIVE?
CALM DOWN, GOONS! NORRIN JUST BLEW UP YOUR TOYS, NOT YOU!
YOU UNDERSTAND, KELLY KOH.
YOU DON'T NEED THE POWER COSMIC TO SEE IT NOW.
THIS MISERY HAS TO END.
AND IF WE ARE HERE...
SURFER!

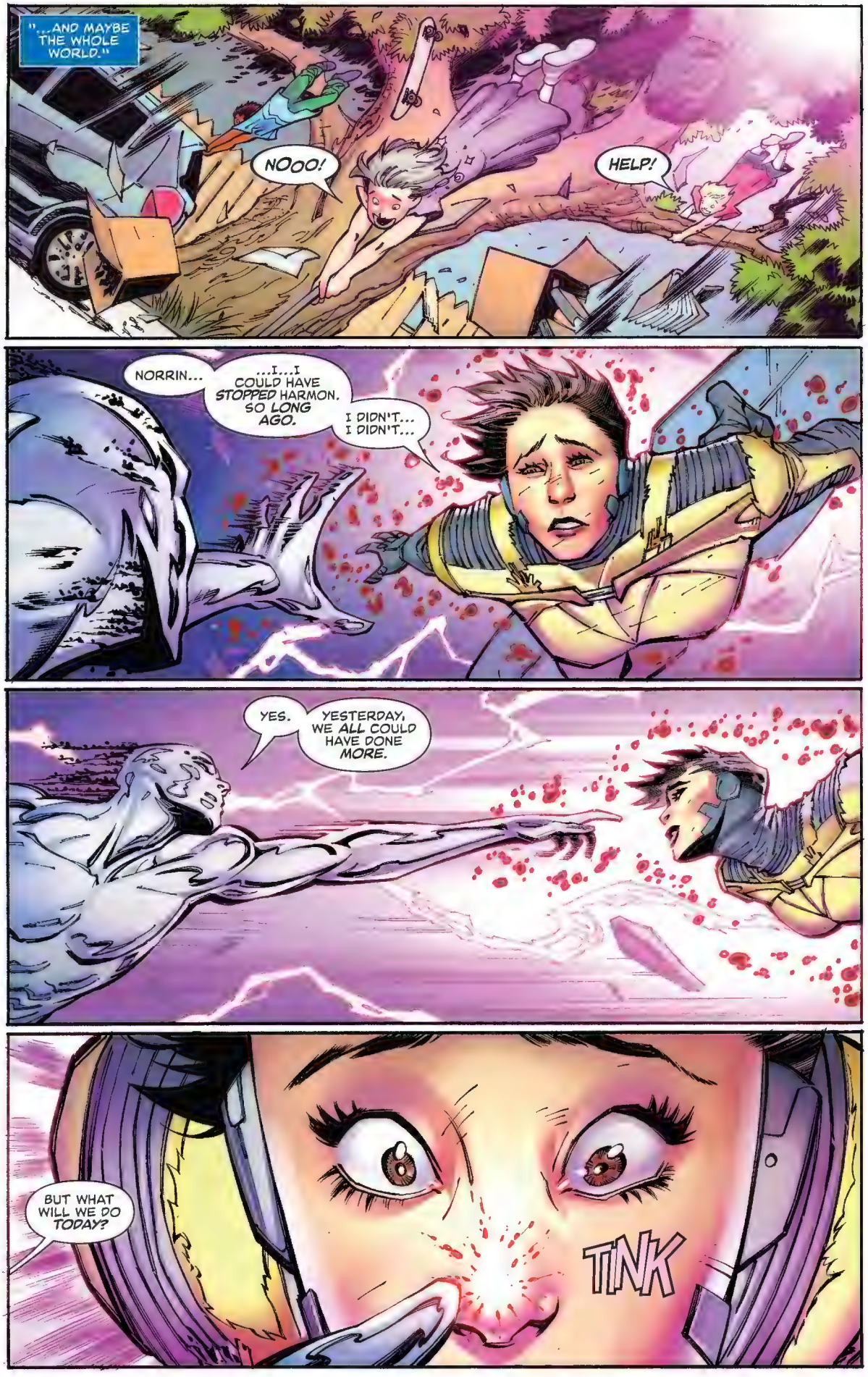
LOOK. I KNOW ALL ABOUT HARMON.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM. I PROMISE.
I KNOW THE AVENGERS ARE A LITTLE LATE.
BUT WE'RE HERE NOW.
SO WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING... YOU CAN STOP.
I BELIEVE YOU--
SURFER...
YOUR NATIONS WON'T STOP.
HARMON WON'T STOP.
--BUT YOU WILL NEVER DO ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
WAIT...
EVERYBODY, GET READY--!

FRRAAAAKOOOOOOOOM
NOOOO!
NO MORE.
CAPTAIN AMERICA? STORM?
THOR? IRON MAN?
MY GOD...
ALL FORCES, SCRAMBLE ALL UNITS!
THIS... THIS IS THE BIG ONE.
WE THOUGHT THE SUPER HEROES WOULD PROTECT US. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST--
OH, CALM DOWN!

I'M HERE!
DENNIS HARMON!
SAVING THE DAY!
WATCH ME GO!
THAT...THAT TECH...THAT ENERGY...
HE'S TAPPED THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF GALACTUS!
HARMON!
DON'T!

HA HA HA HA HA!
BRRAAKOOOOM
FWOOOOOSSSH
AAAAAAAGH!
HEEEEEELP!
DON'T WORRY...
...I'M STILL HERE.

SO AM I.
SKRRAAAAKOOOOM
HAAA!
GO AHEAD, KOH! WRECK THE TECH!
I'VE ALREADY DONE WHAT I NEEDED TO DO.
SKRRRAAAAAAAAKK!!
TODAY, HUMANITY FINALLY TRIUMPHS OVER NORRIN RADD!
AAAAAAAGH!
NOOOO!
SUE!
ON IT!
WHAT--WHAT'S HAPPENING?
IT'S THE RIFT, BEN.
"THE RIFT"? THAT'S A THING?
"JUST THEORETICAL UNTIL NOW.
"A HOLE IN SPACE AND TIME...
GGRAAAAAAAGH!
NNNGH!
"...THE ONLY THING STRONG ENOUGH TO KILL THE SILVER SURFER...

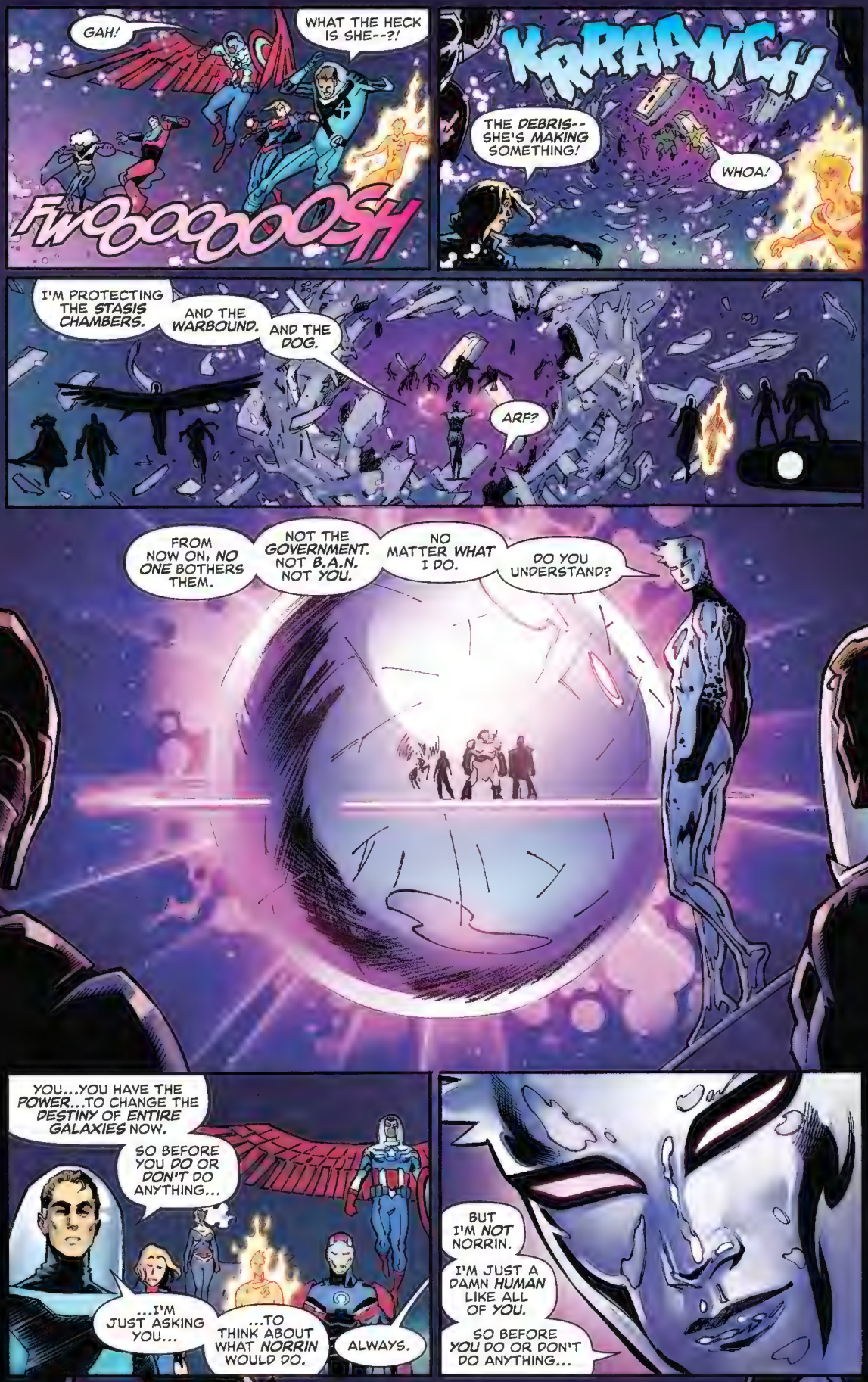

"...AND MAYBE THE WHOLE WORLD."
NOOO!
HELP!
NORRIN...
...I...I COULD HAVE STOPPED HARMON. SO LONG AGO.
I DIDN'T... I DIDN'T...
YES.
YESTERDAY, WE ALL COULD HAVE DONE MORE.
BUT WHAT WILL WE DO TODAY?
TINK

PROTECT THEM, KELLY KOH.
NO!
FWOOOOOOSSSH
NORRIN!
GOODBYE.
UGH.
THIS GUY...

SKRRAAKOOOM
...IS NOT GONNA WIN THIS ONE!
FFOOOOOOM
GRRRRRRRRAAAA!
SKRRRAAAAAAKKTTT
NORRIN...
SURFER?

HARMON...
...WHAT... DID YOU DO TO HIM?
OH, VERY SIMPLE. I PREPARED FOR EVERY EVENTUALITY, SO OF COURSE I BUILT--
WHAT DID YOU DO?
AAAAGH!
SKRAAAAK!
YOU MEAN...
...WHAT...
...WHAT DID HE DO?
THE POWER COSMIC...
...HE...HE GAVE IT BACK TO ME...
YOU MEAN...
...TO US...
...B.A.N. MAJOR KELLY KOH.

AAAAAGH!
DID YOU THINK I'D BE OUT HERE IN MY OWN BODY?
HA HA HA!
FRAKOOOOOM
WHAT?
NORRIN TOLD YOU...
...TO PROTECT PEOPLE...
THAT'S RIGHT.
SKRRRAAAAAKKT


GAH!
WHAT THE HECK IS SHE--?!
FWOOOOOOSH
KRRAAWCH
THE DEBRIS-- SHE'S MAKING SOMETHING!
WHOA!
I'M PROTECTING THE STASIS CHAMBERS.
AND THE WARBOUND.
AND THE DOG.
ARF?
FROM NOW ON, NO ONE BOTHERS THEM.
NOT THE GOVERNMENT. NOT B.A.N. NOT YOU.
NO MATTER WHAT I DO.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YOU...YOU HAVE THE POWER...TO CHANGE THE DESTINY OF ENTIRE GALAXIES NOW.
SO BEFORE YOU DO OR DON'T DO ANYTHING...
...I'M JUST ASKING YOU...
...TO THINK ABOUT WHAT NORRIN WOULD DO.
ALWAYS.
BUT I'M NOT NORRIN.
I'M JUST A DAMN HUMAN LIKE ALL OF YOU.
SO BEFORE YOU DO OR DON'T DO ANYTHING...

...THINK ABOUT WHAT I MIGHT DO.
THE END!

DEATH OF THE SILVER SURFER

I've loved the Silver Surfer ever since I met him almost five decades ago in my neighbor's copy of SON OF ORIGINS OF MARVEL COMICS. Norrin Radd was so strange and dramatic and lonely—just a phenomenal, striking character with a tone I didn't even know existed until I opened that book as an 8-year-old in 1976.

I've said many times over the years that the INCREDIBLE HULK television show introduced me to the literary concept of tragedy; today, I'll add that the Silver Surfer introduced me to the notion of existential angst. Norrin Radd was alone, hated, and feared by the strangers he encountered yet always striving to do the right thing and find meaning in the world and existence itself. Just big, heady stuff in a surreal, mind-bending, and, yes, sometimes goofy package.

So I'm thrilled to be writing the Surfer again in a story that fully embraces Norrin Radd with all of his strangeness and angst and all of his huge heart. And in 2025, I'm particularly thrilled to be working on a deeply relevant story about the eternal struggle against manufactured hatred and fear of the other.

I also love Kelly Koh, our newest addition to the Marvel Universe, who's absolutely terrible in what I hope are painfully relatable ways. Norrin, Kelly, and, yes, Kelly's mom are in for a massive journey, and I'm grateful to all of you for joining us on the ride.

And, of course, huge thanks to editor Tom Groneman, interior line artist Sumit Kumar, colorist Frank D'Armata, letterer Joe Sabino and cover artist Dike Ruan, an absolute dream team of collaborators who are bringing the biggest thrills and the subtlest humor and human reality to every panel and every page.

All the best and see you next time!

GREG PAK
NEW YORK CITY

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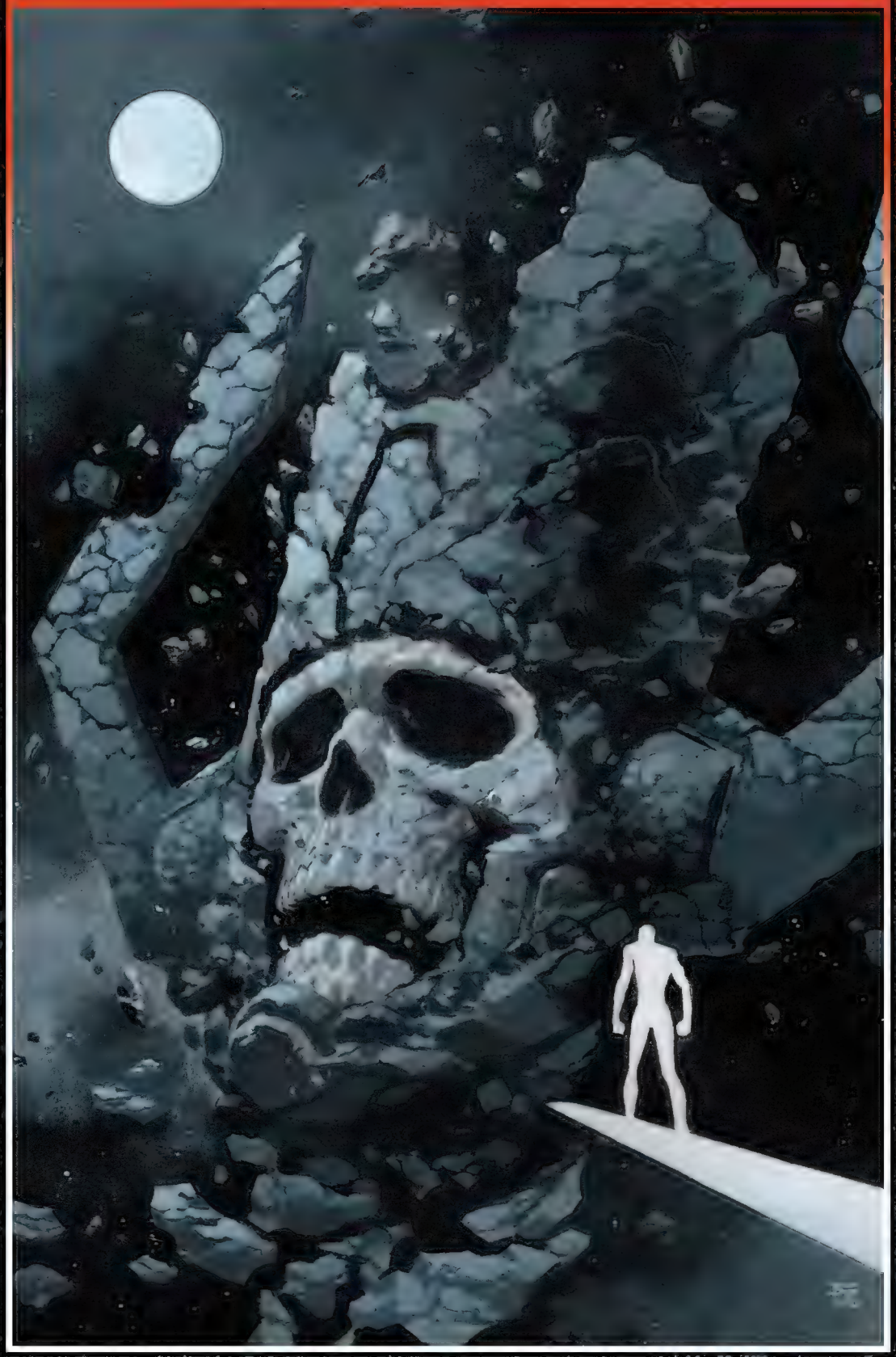

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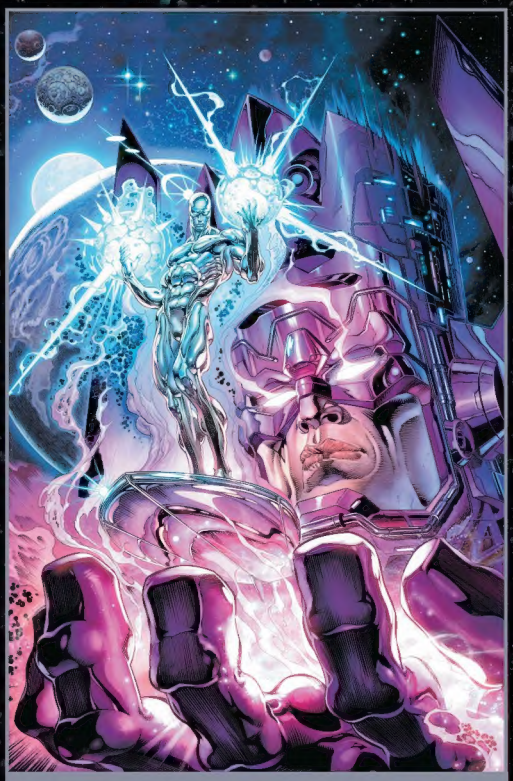

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